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## REVENUES UNDER STRESS DUE TO PANDEMIC: FINMIN

**Govt revenues were hit hard due to disruption in economic activities in April and May, says new Finance Ministry report**

### INCOME TAX MOP-UP JUST 5% OF ESTIMATE

According to the Macroeconomic Report for June 2020 released by the Department of Economic Affairs under the Finance Ministry, revenue receipts declined by 68.9%, led by contraction in personal income tax, indirect taxes and non-tax revenue. "Personal income tax stood at 5.6% of Budget Estimate, compared to 10.6% till May 2019," said the report

### GREEN SHOOTS VISIBLE IN SOME AREAS

- However, corporate tax grew 1,408.1% over May 2019, it said
- According to the report, early green shoots of economic revival could be seen in May and June in select real activity indicators
- These are electricity and fuel consumption, inter and intra-state movement of goods, retail financial transaction | P10

**-4.5%**

ESTIMATED GROWTH OF INDIA'S GDP IN 2020, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT

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DON'T PANIC

A health worker in a PPE suit sprays disinfectant to sanitise a section of the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday, a day after police personnel deputed at the seat of government tested positive | SHRIRAM BN

# NO LOCKDOWN, LEARN TO LIVE WITH VIRUS: CM TO B'LUREANS

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RESPONDING to reports of mass migration from Bengaluru due to fears of another lockdown over increasing Covid-19 cases, CM B S Yediyurappa on Monday appealed to citizens not to panic.

Stressing that his government is not considering another lockdown, Yediyurappa said people should learn to live with the virus while taking all precautions. After paying respects to Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram on his remembrance day, the CM said the government is taking all measures and people should cooperate with the authorities.

"In Bengaluru, 450 additional ambulances have been arranged. Citizens should cooperate with the government and ensure social distancing. This was the PM's prayer and it is my appeal too. Your lives are important," he said. The government is scaling up facilities, including a 10,000-bed facility, to treat Covid patients in Bengaluru, he added.

His statement comes after scores of people exited Bengaluru fearing a lockdown. Despite the government's stand against a lockdown that may hamper economic activity, people are scared.

Two days after Opposition Leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah accused the government of misappropriating Covid funds, Yediyurappa termed the allegations baseless and offered to produce documents on Covid-related procurement. "Let Siddaramaiah look at all the numbers. Officials will give him all the documents. As the Leader of Opposition, let him point out loopholes. I will ensure action against anyone responsible. But it is wrong to make baseless allegations," he said.

### ASHA workers threaten strike from Friday

ASHA workers in Karnataka, who are in the frontline of the fight against Covid-19, have threatened to boycott work from Friday as their demands have not been met by the government. The workers had called for a state-wide protest on June 30 and have been urging the government to ensure them a monthly wage of Rs 12,000, including the honorarium and incentives. They have been demanding protection against the virus. P2

### CM rolls out money transfer for weavers

Two months after announcing his welfare scheme for weavers on the lines of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Kisan Samman Yojana, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday launched the direct benefit transfer (DBT) for the Nekara Sammana Yojane. In its first phase, this new scheme will provide 19,744 handloom weavers Rs 2,000 as annual incentive via DBT. The State Government's current estimates place the annual cost of this DBT scheme to Rs 10.96 crore. P3

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

1,843 TEST POSITIVE ON MONDAY

401 Total Deaths

10,527 Total Recoveries

TOTAL CASES 25,317

58-year-old becomes the first fatality from Kodagu district

Mysuru district sees a spike as 45 test positive on Monday

FULL COVERAGE P3

# Partial Chinese pullback at LAC

Breakthrough after National Security Advisor Ajit Doval spoke to Foreign Minister Wang Yi

MAYANK SINGH AND PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

IN a major breakthrough along the Eastern Ladakh border, partial disengagement of Chinese troops began in the Galwan Valley area along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on Monday.

The process was set rolling after a video call between National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi — the two special representatives on border issues — late on Sunday night. "The People's Liberation Army (PLA) has been seen removing tents and structures at Patrolling Point 14," government sources said.

According to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs, the two agreed on expeditious and total disengagement. "They agreed that it was necessary to ensure at the earliest complete disengagement of the troops along the LAC and de-escalation from the India-China border areas for full restoration of peace and tranquility. In this regard, they further agreed that both sides should complete the ongoing disengagement process along the LAC expeditiously," the statement read.

The disengagement began at various locations as per terms agreed in the Corps Commanders' meeting on June 30. "Rearward movement of PLA vehicles has been seen in general area of Galwan, Hot Springs and Gogra," sources said.

An Indian Air Force helicopter on a sortie in Ladakh's Leh region on Monday | PTI

**PLA yet to pull out of Finger-4, Depsang**

The standoff locations include Finger-4 along the Northern Flank of Pangong Tso, Gogra Post (Patrolling Point 17A), Patrolling Points 14 and 15 in Galwan Valley and Y-Junction in Depsang

Partial pullback in Galwan and Gogra, not elsewhere

How far deep has the PLA pulled back will be determined after due verification, an Army officer said. The Army is understandably wary and will watch the situation for at least 72 hours, since the PLA in the past did not comply with disengagement agreements.

However, "there is no movement at Finger-4 and the Chinese troops are staying put at the standoff position at Y-Junction in Depsang bulge", confirmed another source.

China acknowledged the limited disengagement, with foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian saying that progress had been made by the two militaries to disengage and reduce tensions along the LAC.

"There is progress made on frontline troops taking effective measures to disengage and ease the tensions. Chinese and Indian troops held a commander-level talk on June 30. The two sides continue to work to implement the consensus reached at the two previous rounds of talks," he said.

# Green light to varsities for final semester exams

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@ New Delhi

FINAL semester exams in universities and other educational institutions pending since March due to Covid-19 can now be held after the Union Home Ministry gave the green light on Monday.

"The final-term examinations are to be compulsorily conducted as per the UGC guidelines and academic calendar for the universities and as per the standard operating procedure approved by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare," the ministry wrote to the higher education secretary.

The ministry's advisory came on a day a committee formed by the UGC recommended that exams be conducted in universities and colleges across India.

Following the submission of the suggestions by Haryana University Vice-Chancellor R C Kuhad, the UGC called an emergency meeting on Monday evening and decided to write to the universities at the earliest. The decision has been taken in the academic interest of the students, said sources, adding that a fresh academic calendar will soon be issued and universities will be asked to conduct exams by September-end.

The UGC has also decided to recommend that the final-year examinations be held in online, off-line or mix mode, whichever is appropriate. Apart from final semester exams, universities can also conduct pending exams for other semesters.

JUNE STATS

India had a total of **2,20,478** active cases by the end of June, up from **97,008** on June 1

On June 1, the total number of cases was 1,98,371, but on June 30 it shot up to 5,85,792

India's active cases more than doubled at the rate of **104.48%** by the end of June

Total cases registered **195%** growth rate by June-end, compared to the beginning of June

As on June 30, the 10 states with the highest infections accounted for 80% of total cases. These states included Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Gujarat

By June 1, India had 95,744 recoveries, 5,606 deaths and it had tested 39,66,075

By June 30, 3,47,839 people recovered, 17,409 died and 88,26,585 people were tested

% INCREASE FROM JUNE 1 TO JUNE 30

Recovery 263.30%
Fatality 210.54%
Testing 122.53%

# Unlock 1 sees 60% of all Covid deaths

SANA SHAKIL & KUMAR VIKRAM @New Delhi

TWO-thirds of all Covid-19 deaths from March up to June-end were registered last month itself, when the government eased most of the lockdown restrictions and rolled out Unlock 1.0 on June 1, an analysis by *TNIE* has revealed.

From March 13, when the first novel coronavirus-related fatality was registered in the country, to May-end, around 5,500 deaths due to the pandemic were recorded. But in June, when unlock started, there was a surge. On June 1, the total deaths stood at 5,606, but by the end of the month, 11,803 more persons had died of Covid-19, taking the fatalities to 17,409.

It wasn't fatalities alone that registered a sharp rise. Several other indicators showed that during Unlock 1.0, the curve went through the roof. On June 1, there were 97,008 active cases. By the end of the month, that figure climbed to 2,20,478. If one looks at the figure of confirmed Covid-19 cases in June, comparing it with the total confirmed cases since March when lockdown was first announced, the former alone contributed 65% of the total cases.

"The high numbers show the epidemic is now growing rapidly. All our control measures seem to have been, at best, only partially-successful, probably only delayed rather than averted the effect of the epidemic," said epidemiologist Dr Jammi N Rao, who has worked with the Indian Council of Medical Research, Hyderabad, and was a public health consultant with the UK National Health Service.

The month of May is an important landmark in India's fight against the virus. Fatality rate, which reached a peak of 3.42% on May 5, was brought down by the month-end to 2.83%. This happened through a combination of increased testing and isolation. CONTINUED ON: P7

# AIIMS panel wants vaccine study restructured

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE research ethics committee of AIIMS, Delhi, has objected to several points in the study protocol proposed for the clinical trial of Covid-19 vaccine candidate Covaxin, without giving in to pressure by the Indian Council of Medical Research to fast-track the tests.

AIIMS is one of the 12 hospitals across 10 states that have been selected for human trials of the vaccine candidate developed by Bharat Biotech and the ICMR. The suggestion for change in the study design comes even as most other hospitals chosen for the trial have approved the study protocol, this newspaper has learnt.

Sources said the ethics committee has demanded modification in the study design that proposed a sample size of 1,125 healthy volunteers for Phase I and II trials, and will discuss it again. "The committee objected to 11 points in the proposed protocol and has suggested that they be amended," said a senior official in the institution. "This is the difference between AIIMS and other institutions in the country. We take pride in the highest ethical standards and rigour that we follow for every research project."

ICMR's July 2 letter to the 12 hospitals had demanded that the trials be fast-tracked. It wanted subject enrolment by July 7 so as to launch the vaccine by August 15, a target dubbed as rushed and unrealistic by experts. As for AIIMS, subject enrolment may begin only on July 7; it will take several days to wrap it up.

As per the original protocol, the vaccine is to be studied on 375 individuals in Phase 1, followed by Phase II trial to evaluate its safety, reactogenicity, tolerability and immunogenicity. Volunteers will be administered two intramuscular shots.

**Age group for trial**

The proposed age groups for the trials are 18-55 for Phase I and 12-65 for Phase II. The study design, however, could see some changes following objections by the AIIMS, Delhi, panel

# 8L Indians on exit route as Kuwait approves expat bill

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

AROUND eight lakh Indians could be affected as Kuwait parliament's legal and legislative committee on Monday cleared a draft resolution seeking to limit the number of foreign workers in the country.

The draft expat quota bill will soon be put to vote in the Assembly. There are about 14.5 lakh Indians in Kuwait, which has a total population of about 43 lakh.

The bill seeks to restrict the number of Indians to 15% of the national population, or 6.45 lakh. About 8 lakh Indians would have to leave Kuwait.

Last month, Kuwait's PM Sheikh Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah proposed reducing the number of expats from 70% to 30% of the population.

Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem said Kuwait's population structure has a problem. About 13 lakh of the 30 lakh foreigners "are either illiterate or can merely read", he said. P5

DKS EVENT KEY ORGANISER

# *Congress MLA tests positive, creates flutter in party*

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CONGRESS legislator from Kunigal **Dr H D Ranganath** has tested positive for Covid-19, forcing several party leaders and workers to scurry into home quarantine or to get tested for the dreaded disease.

Ranganath, brother-in-law of State Congress unit president D K Shivakumar, was one of the key persons who organised the latter's official charge-taking ceremony at a building adjoining the party office on Queen's Road in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Speaking to *TNIE* on Monday, Ranganath, a medical doctor himself, said he had got admitted to Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru for treatment.

Following Ranganath's test results coming out, Shivakumar's brother and Congress MP from Bengaluru Rural D K Suresh said, "As a precautionary measure, I decided to go into home quarantine." He too was part of the core team that organised the Thursday event.

However, it is still not clear if KPCC chief Shivakumar, former CM Siddaramaiah and other senior leaders who attended the event will undergo tests. Interestingly, Shivakumar on Monday held a meeting at the KPCC office with the party's corona task force members to discuss the measures taken by the State Government and the surge in cases in the state, especially Bengaluru.

Over a hundred people, mainly by invitation, had arrived and gathered at the venue of the event, and sources in the party said that on the day of the event, Ranganath was seen jostling with several senior leaders. CONTINUED ON: P5

**MY IMMUNITY LEVELS STRONG: SUMALATHA**

Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday. On her Facebook page, she said, "I'd developed mild symptoms of headache and throat irritation on Saturday. I decided to get tested. The results have arrived. It is positive with very mild symptoms. I have quarantined myself. My immunity levels are strong and I will get through this soon."

**ALMANAC TODAY**
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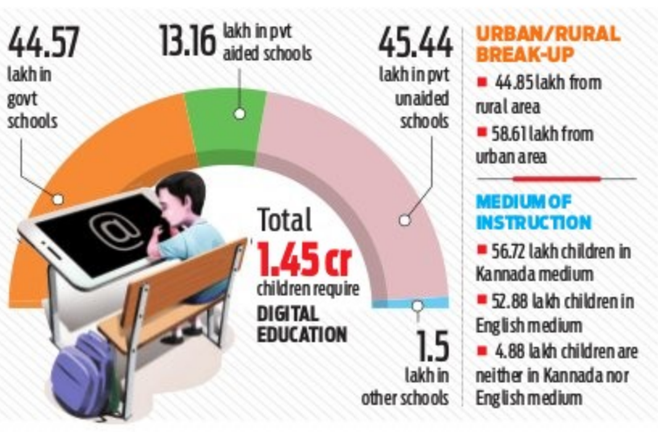
• Masa: Ashada • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dwitheeya 8.41 am • Nakshatra: Shravana 12.27 am
• Moon in Kumba Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

**WEATHER WATCH**
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST: Scattered thunderstorms late. Mostly cloudy
Sunrise 5.59 am | Sunset 6.50 pm | Moonrise 8.53 pm | Moonset 7.45 am

# STATE'S DEFENCE: BAN ON ONLINE CLASSES TO PROTECT KIDS' HEALTH

## HC hears out schools, to pass order today; AG says ban won't affect students' education


44.57 lakh in govt schools
13.16 lakh in pvt aided schools
45.44 lakh in pvt unaided schools
Total 1.45 cr children require DIGITAL EDUCATION
1.5 lakh in other schools
URBAN/RURAL BREAK-UP
44.85 lakh from rural area
58.61 lakh from urban area
MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
56.72 lakh children in Kannada medium
52.88 lakh children in English medium
4.88 lakh children are neither in Kannada nor English medium

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CLARIFYING that it is not against online classes, the Karnataka government on Monday strongly defended its decision to ban online classes, saying it has imposed 'temporary reasonable restrictions' to protect the health of children.

A batch of petitions questioning the ban on online education was taken up for hearing by the division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy. Advocate General (AG) Prabhuling K Navadgi submitted that the petitioners' argument that the ban will affect students' education for one year is not correct.

Stating that the government has taken into account several factors before imposing restrictions, the AG termed the petitions "premature". The government had consulted experts before banning online classes, and had later come up with an interim solution, following the observations made by court. There is no violation of fundamental rights, he argued.

The bench then posed a series of questions to the AG: "What is the statutory power to ban classes? What is the source of power of the experts' panel?" It suggested that the government withdraw the order and allow online classes to go on till the experts decide, and then pass an order under the Karnataka Education Act. It also questioned the state on how it will control CBSE and ICSE schools.

The bench pointed out that there was no statutory basis for the ban order, which was passed on the note put up by Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar on June 11, 2020, and the Nimhans letter dated May 19, 2020. The state cannot say it cannot allow online classes for urban students, saying that rural students are deprived of it. As per Article 21-A, the state should extend this facility to rural areas also, the bench noted.

Senior counsel Madhusudan R Naik, representing ICSE schools, argued that the state has taken a decision based on a casual letter by Nimhans. To a query, Naik argued that they are not charging extra fee for online classes and there is no compulsion of using a laptop or mobile. After hearing the arguments, the bench said it will pass the order on Tuesday.

### Donate salary to aid pvt school counterparts: Minister to govt teachers

Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar on Monday urged government and aided school teachers to forgo their salary for a day or two, to help their counterparts in private schools. Private school teachers were in distress and the government is looking into all options to provide assistance to them, Kumar said, chairing a meeting of teachers' associations and education department officials. "Dear teachers (government), the government has not deprived you of any perks even during these testing times. Now, it is time to lend a helping hand to the private teachers. I too will contribute," Kumar said. President of the Primary Teachers Association Narayanaswami pledged to contribute a month's salary towards the welfare of teachers in private schools. In response, the Associated Management of Schools in Karnataka, tweeted, "Good gesture by Govt. Teacher Assn. leaders, but at large EM pls look in to our demand of TWF fund, it's our money used for Govt. Teacher welfare all this years, let us get support from own money, need not burden Govt (sic)." **ENS**

The exclusive terminal proposed at the Cantonment railway station will have four new platforms

# Cantt suburban terminal work hit by fund crunch

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE exclusive terminal proposed at the Bengaluru Cantonment railway station to run suburban train services to ease the traffic on the city's roads has not made much progress due to lack of funds as well as the pandemic-induced national lockdown. The contract to carry out civil infrastructure work here was awarded nearly three months ago.

This upcoming terminal is different from the ₹15,767 cr suburban rail project awaiting clearance from the PMO and the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

The ₹37.94-cr project will have four new platforms 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E along the main entry of the station to facilitate running of more trains and a seven-storeyed terminal building.

Many MEMU and DEMU trains can run between Cantonment and Hosur, Tumakuru, Devanahalli and Marikuppam when the project, approved by the Railway Board in August 2019, is in place.

One portion of the contract, laying of stabling lines and readying of platform, was awarded to PJ Baby in April. A K Swami, Chief Administrative Officer, Constructions, South Western Railway, told TNIE that fund crunch was hampering the progress of the work. "We need to release at least ₹6 crore to the contractor for this financial year so that work can begin. No progress has been made so far," he said.

Giving details on the new terminal, T B R Narayana Rao, Chief Engineer (North), Constructions, SWR, said, "The proposed new platforms will all come on the side of the main platform (PF 1). A subway will ensure they are interconnected. This will require demolition of some of our existing railway offices along this side and 29 houses in the Railways Quarters. We have written to the Bengaluru Division seeking their consent."

# Kidwai blood bank running dry with no donation camps

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TIPPESWAMY, a farmer from Ballari, has been somewhat lucky, if you can call it that. He managed to arrange for bone marrow for his eight-year-old son, who is being treated for leukaemia at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, through private donors even though it was expensive. Part of the treatment was covered by Vajpayee Arogyashree scheme for BLP families. "But the remaining expenses, including for blood... we have to arrange for them on our own," Tippeswamy said.

He could have obtained all of that from Kidwai, but the hospital has not been able to replenish its stocks as donors have dwindled due fear of contracting Covid-19.

Before the pandemic broke out, the blood bank at Kidwai procured 100 units of blood from 10 blood donation camps a month. Now, the hospital needs at least one camp a week, but there is none scheduled for the next fortnight, an official told TNIE on Monday. Its current stock of 340 pints of RBC and 220 pints of platelets will suffice for 20 patients scheduled to undergo chemotheraphy over the week and will run out by Saturday, said a hospital official.

# Water disruption tomorrow

BENGALURU: Water supply will be disrupted on Wednesday (July 8) between 8 am and 4 pm in many parts of the city for carrying out pipe interlinking work under the Unaccounted For Project and fixing of bulk flow meters for an eight-hour period.

The following areas will be affected: Yeshwanthpur, Bashyam Park, Malleswaram, Seshadripuram, Okalipura, Srirampura, Mathikere, & surrounding areas, Sadhashivanagar, KG Tower, Seshadripuram, Jayamahal, Palace Guttahalli, RMV 2nd Stage & surrounding areas. R T Nagar, Hebbal, Sanjay Nagar, Manorayanapalya, Ganganagar & surrounding area, Chickpet, KR Market, Cubbonpet & surrounding area, Majestic Area, Kasturba Road, Shivajinagar, Fraser Town, Sampangi Ramnagar, Anand Rao circle, Machlibetta, Bharathingar, Vasanth Nagar, Maruthi Sevanagar, Vidhana Soudha and surrounding areas.

ITI Colony, Indiranagar, Shastri Nagar, HAL 3rd Stage, Thippasandra, LIC colony, Anandapura and areas under Jeevan Bimanagar & Indiranagar sub station, Ulsoor G street, OGI Garden, Murphy Town, Cambridge Layout, MG Road, Domlur and areas under Ulsoor sub station. Hanumanthnagar, Srinagar, Girinagar, Chamarajpet, Vittal Nagar, Bytarayanapura and surrounding areas. **ENS**

UNMET DEMANDS

# Asha workers to boycott work from July 10

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ASHA workers across Karnataka, who are on the frontline of battling the pandemic, will boycott work from July 10 as the State government has failed to meet their demands.

Asha workers (Accredited Social Health Activists) had on June 30 called for a statewide protest if the government failed to address their concerns about inadequate wages, technical issues that delay their remuneration, and the lack of protective equipment. They are demanding that the State government provide them a monthly wage of Rs 12,000 which would include the honorarium they currently receive and incentives.

Asha workers take details from members of a house to curb the spread of coronavirus in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

"The present situation... It is as if the government has sent them into a battlefield without arms or ammunition. We therefore urge the government to provide adequate PPE suits to protect the health of Asha workers for their invaluable service in stalling the Covid-19 infection," says D Nagalakshmi, state secretary of the Karnataka Rajya Samyuktha Asha Karyakarteyara Sangha.

Recently, the Union health ministry lauded the 42,000 Asha workers in Karnataka who surveyed nearly 1.29 crore households, collected data from containment zones on a daily basis, gathered information from families presenting Covid-19 and influenza symptoms and breathing difficulties. Asha workers have also been actively involved as members of local task forces and in screening teams in fever clinics, swab collection centres and at international and interstate checkposts.

EXPRESS READ

### Govt mulling risk allowance for frontline health workers

The state government is mulling risk allowance for frontline health workers, said medical education minister Dr K Sudhakar during a press conference on Monday. "The government is considering awarding extra five marks in NEET exam to medical students involved in Covid related work and providing risk allowance to health workers at the frontline. They have been fighting the pandemic since the past 120 days and we need to give them something in return. This is not grace marks, but infact their reward and the risk allowance is to boost morale of Covid warriors. He added that a nodal officer will be appointed to oversee testing. **ENS**

# Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**07th July : That mighty planet Uranus' current set of patterns last happened around fifty years ago. So what were you doing then - if you were around? The world was a very different place. Or was it? We may not have had mobile phones which doubled as cameras, but most other things were exactly the same! Our emotions operate much the same now as they did then, and we still live under the same sky.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You may have to take the initiative, follow a generous approach and release someone from an agreement. If it's financial it probably concerns an unwise speculation. If it's a family matter, the person under the microscope should be a child or younger relative.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You've got a great deal on your plate, and if there's hard work to be done, try to get as much as possible completed as soon as you can. Your mood will change before long, probably because you'll become very much more aware of partners' feelings and needs.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
There's a hint of friction in the air, but you could be partly responsible. Once you give way to impatience then you will forget that other people have interests of their own, which don't necessarily overlap with yours. A little bit of mutual respect would go a long way!

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
There's bound to be some opposition to your plans today, but nothing that can't be dealt with relatively easily. Everything revolves around your ability to take responsibility without flapping about or worrying that other people are undermining your efforts.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You can still charm potential partners, and even twist other people around your little finger, but not for much longer. So, if you've got important proposals to make, press ahead without delay. Partners will thank you if you show a bit of determination.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
By the end of the day you should be very much more aware of the need to discuss your feelings in detail. It's only by facing up to desires, hopes or fears that you normally try to ignore, that you'll get an important relationship back on the straight and narrow.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There is a great deal to say for being a little more extravagant than in the past. The last thing you want to do now is count your cash too closely, for that is the surest way to cut yourself off from new experiences. It goes without saying, of course, that you should stay within your means.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You are about to become much more confident, but only briefly. Put yourself on the emotional starting line, ready to seize any passing personal opportunity as soon as the Moon alters its position. Stay alert and keep an eagle eye open for welcome invitations.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You'll begin to be aware that all is not as it should be. Any such doubts will be extremely useful, for this is nature's way of making you check very closely on every single arrangement and every minor detail. Even a close relationship could benefit from careful scrutiny.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
No doubt you have checked up on all the available social options, but you will have to wait a little while longer for others to get their act together. The planetary message is be patient, but be true to yourself. Some would say that there's nothing else you can do!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The Sun is now challenging several planets, including Saturn. You will face old difficulties with fresh vigour, opening the way to much deeper self-understanding, and therefore to greater control over your affairs. A younger friend may come up with the best advice.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are used to living an independent life, and current planetary transits can only deepen and intensify your need to get on with your own affairs. Use the time wisely to get on with those personal ambitions that other people fail to understand, and keep distracting commitments to a minimum.

**THE PHANTOM**

**HI AND LOIS**

**BEETLE BAILEY**

**BLONDIE**

BUMSTEAD, I'M TIRED. SO IF ANYONE ASKS, JUST TELL THEM I RANTED AND RAVED ALL DAY TO YOU
ARE YOU SURE, BOSS?
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU ENJOY RANTING AND RAVING AT ME
NO, IT'S FINE, BUMSTEAD
ON SECOND THOUGHT...
I KNEW IT!

**LOCKHORNS**

"HOW MUCH LONGER UNTIL YOU DECIDE WHETHER TO TAKE IT BACK OR REGIFT IT?"

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"HE'S BUYIN' ONE... AND I'LL BE TAKIN' THE ONE THAT'S FREE."

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

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| 3 | | | 6 | | | | | |

**HARD**

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

| | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 6 |
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| 6 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| 5 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
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| 8 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| 9 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 3 |

**JUMBLE** — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GRPEU

SEPRS

DHOYSD

MISLDA

You can never be too careful. I wash all my food thoroughly.
Let's race!
"Black tie only," doesn't mean, "Only a black tie."
I think he looks good.
EVEN WITHOUT A TUXEDO, THE PORCUPINE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
Saturday's Yesterday's | Jumbles: AGENT PROXY MILDEW DARKER
Answer: He felt he was destined to become a priest, and going to the seminary was — PREORDAINED

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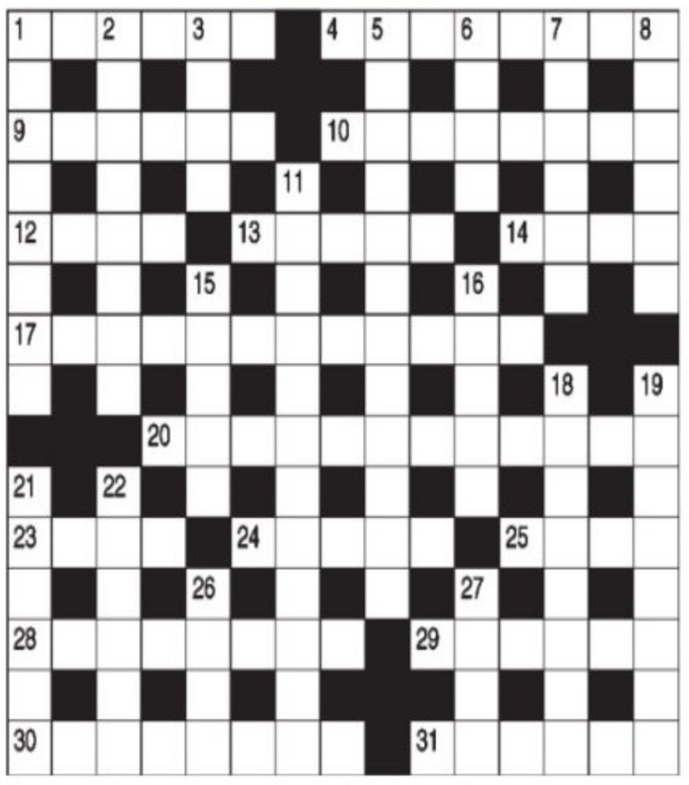
**CROSS WORD**



**ACROSS**

1 Like a seabird behind the ship (6)
4 Recommend someone to take legal action (8)
9 Eric goes wild about the French girl (6)
10 Steps outside an upper window (8)
12 They may part with a smile (4)
13 We're clean out of them (5)
14 Smart boy (4)
17 Released a big eruption - it's unpleasant (12)
20 Talk of the natives (6,6)
23 We're breaking up the vessel (4)
24 So men are employed making signs (5)
25 Fight, probably rigged (4)
28 Case in which everyone is involved in the trial (3,5)
29 No rise for those more advanced in service (6)
30 I can read somehow in bright light (8)
31 A round heavy-bodied port (6)

**DOWN**

1 Royalty's own touch of honour (8)
2 He's not on speaking terms with his brothers (8)
3 Unusual way to serve meat (4)
5 An order to execute (5,7)
6 Show fond regard for the opposite sex (4)
7 An odd goal in Africa (6)
8 Offer the wrong type of inducement (6)
11 Confront the orchestra - or the critics (4,3,5)
15 Silver down at melting-point? (5)
16 What a debater takes to demolish an opponent (5)
18 Mummy's nationality (8)
19 Exchange of repartee that will bear fruit (4,4)
21 Sort of tureen that is neither one thing nor another (6)
22 Free beer held up, but put down again (6)
26 The goddess of hate? (4)
27 Exploit that should be witnessed (4)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Lucid, 4 Perhaps, 8 Ova, 9 Free trade, 10 Sutures, 11 Hades, 13 Enrapt, 15 Stored, 18 Radio, 19 Leather, 21 Following, 23 Run, 24 Express, 25 Steve.

**Down:** 1 Look-see, 2 Chartered, 3 Defer, 4 Please, 5 Ratchet, 6 Ada, 7 Steps, 12 Dark horse, 14 Propose, 16 Derange, 17 Allies, 18 Rifle, 20 Aegis, 22 Lap.

A 58-year-old assistant sub-inspector (ASI) attached Vidhana Soudha security died of dengue on Monday. Police are now waiting for the Covid report

# Govt staff want work from home on alternate days

## Attendance at govt offices already low

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

WITH the number of positive cases increasing every day, the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association is seeking 'work from home' option on alternate days.

On Monday, Vidhana Soudha was sanitized again, for the second time within a week. Attendance at the government offices has dropped significantly after the employees were asked to take leave if they have any symptoms.

In just one week's time, Vidhana Soudha and Vikasa Soudha were shut/partially shut three times as one of the employees and police personnel deputed there tested positive.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Shadakshari, president, Karnataka State Government Employees' Association, said that there are over 5 lakh employees in the State. "Many people visit government offices. The employees fear contracting the virus. There is panic especially at Vidhana Soudha, Vikasa Soudha, MS Building and other secretariat offices where large number of visitors come," he said.

The association has written to Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar urging the State Government to allow them to work from home on alternate days. "If 50 per cent of the staff work from home one day, remaining will do so next day. Thus, the number of people working in one place can be reduced without hampering the work. Now that we have adopted e-administration, we have e-files and people can work from home. There is similar mechanism in Tamil Nadu where only senior officials like the Under Secretary and above will go to office, while other cadre work on alternate days," he said.

They are also proposing that staff aged 55 years and above be allowed to work from home. A senior official, who didn't wish to be named, said that more precautions are taken at Vidhana Soudha, where visitors are tested and also timings are restricted. But in smaller offices at various zones in Bengaluru and also outside the city, there is no restriction of time, he said.

**NOT PICTURE PERFECT**

Four days after DK Shivakumar's oath-taking ceremony, posters of Congress leaders still hang from a building adjoining the Congress party office on Queen's Road on Monday. Party MLA Dr H D Ranganath, who oversaw arrangements for the July 2 event, has tested Covid positive | VINOD KUMAR T

# Covid cash relief to reach weavers

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

TWO months after the announcement of a welfare scheme for weavers on the lines of PM's Kisan Samman Yojana, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday launched the direct benefit transfer for 'Nekara Sammana Yojane'.

The annual economic assistance scheme for handloom weavers was announced by the Chief Minister in May this year as part of the State's Covid-19 economic relief package.

In an event organised by the Handloom and Textiles Department, the CM launched the transfer of money to weavers' bank accounts.

Karnataka has 54,786 registered handloom weavers involved in silk, cotton, wool looms and allied activities, who are eligible for the scheme.

In the first phase, 19,744 handloom weavers across the state will be given Rs 2,000 as annual incentive via DBT.

The government's current estimates place costs of the scheme annually at Rs 10.96 crore.

"Provisions are being made even for those weavers who are left out of the handloom census to register themselves for the scheme. So far, 40,634 handloom weavers have registered on the Seva Sindhu portal for the scheme, of which 37,314 applications have been verified and approved," said Yediyurappa.

Apart from the annual scheme, the Karnataka government had announced a one-time Rs 2,000 relief for employees of power looms in the State who were suffering due to Covid-19 lockdown.

Out of the estimated 1.25 lakh workers of power looms in the State, money has been transferred to bank accounts of 8,897 applicants, a statement from the Chief Minister's Office said.

# Santhosh berates Rahul over Galwan issue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BJP national general secretary B L Santhosh lashed out at former Congress president Rahul Gandhi for questioning the government on the Galwan issue, while delivering the valedictory speech marking the end of hundreds of virtual rallies across the State.

Describing the Congress as a "morally bankrupt" party, Santhosh said via video conference from New Delhi, that Gandhi did not attend a single one of the 11 meetings held by the parliamentary standing committee on defence. "Congress has exhibited its insensitivity and irresponsibility on the Ladakh standoff," said Santhosh.

Touching on the economic challenges that the pandemic has thrown up, Santhosh said that there was hope in the rural sector, and pointed to the 28 per cent hike in demand for fertilizer. This increase shows the rural economy is healthy, he said.

The party feels extremely sad over the unfortunate deaths of hundreds of people due to the Covid infection, he said. He appreciated the B S Yediyurappa government, saying, "They have done an excellent job in this moment of crisis."

He expressed confidence that the country will emerge out of the 'corona crisis' eventually, but utmost care on the part of the people was needed. BJP cadre will continue to persuade the people to follow safety rules by the government. Santhosh said "Swadeshi (Indian goods), Swabhasha (mother tongue), Swabhoosha (native dress)" are the three pre-requisites to make "Bharat Aatm Nirbhar" (Self-Reliant India) and called upon the party cadre to work 'with missionary zeal' towards this end.

"Modi has brought India to the focal point of the global scenario. We need to supplement the government's efforts in making India self-reliant. The only way is to 'be vocal on local' and make Indian products attain global fame," Santosh said.

Several office-bearers, ministers, MPs and MLAs, and lakhs of party workers watched the event live-cast on thousands of screens across the state.

STATE REVIEW

# Central team to meet CM on Covid fight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A team of eight senior officers from the Central government will visit Bengaluru on Tuesday to collect information about the measures taken by the State government to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sources in the Chief Minister's Office said the team will interact with senior officers in the state to discuss various measures taken in Karnataka and will also hold discussions with Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa at noon on Tuesday.

"They are visiting Karnataka and other states to study the measures they have taken to fight the pandemic and the team will give its report to the Central government," sources said.

The Central government had appreciated measures taken in the state, especially technology-driven measures for contact tracing, enforcing quarantine guidelines and ASHA workers' contribution in the fight against the pandemic.

EXPRESS READ

## Former co-op society CEO ends life

A former CEO of Sri Gururaghavendra Cooperative Society allegedly committed suicide by consuming poison in his car. The incident came to light on Monday evening. The deceased, Vasudeva Maiya (70), a resident of Purnaprajna Layout in Chikkalasandra, appeared to have consumed liquor laced with poison, police said. His family noticed him in the car. On June 18, ACB had raided his house and bank after alleged irregularities to the tune of Rs 1,400 crore. He left a six-page suicide note. ENS

# HC takes up patients' plight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TAKING note of two separate letters drawing the attention of the court to the plight of Covid patients, the Karnataka High Court on Monday initiated suo motu proceedings and directed its Registry to make the state and central governments and the BBMP, parties and place the matter before it on Tuesday.

The letters, addressed to the court by advocate P Anu Chengappa and the Advocates' Association of Bangalore, pointed out the difficulties faced by patients in getting beds, management by the BBMP, and private hospitals charging high rates for patients.

In a letter to Chief Justice Oka, Chengappa requested the court to initiate urgent suo moto action regarding "non-availability of timely medical help for Covid-19 patients" and also non-Covid patients, in Bengaluru.

AAB sought immediate steps to rectify the ceiling rates and make it more affordable.

# Siddu moves to farmhouse to keep safe

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

FORMER chief minister Siddaramaiah, who is a diabetic and recently underwent treatment for a cardiac-related ailment, has moved to his farmhouse near Mysuru to avoid contact with people as coronavirus cases are rising.

He was advised by his son and MLA Dr Yathindra to keep away from the public. He has, however, kept in touch with his social media team and has been calling the officials concerned to know the initiatives taken in Bengaluru and rest of the state to combat Covid.

Siddaramaiah's close aides H C Mahadevappa, K Venkatesh, H P Manjunath and MLA Badarali Hampana Gowda are part of his regular political discussions. Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad too visited Siddaramaiah at his farmhouse in T Katur.

Siddaramaiah's day starts with a walk on the 10-acre farm. It is followed by yoga and a few breathing exercises.

His secretary Ramaiah said the former CM is not home quarantined and he is healthy. He said they will be moving to Bengaluru in a couple of days as he had to attend many programmes.

He said Dr Yathindra is in self-quarantine and his Covid test has come negative.

**HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED**
(A State Government Undertaking)

**Corrigendum-II**
**(e-tendering Mode only)**

The date of Sale and Opening of tender for "Design (through revers Engineering), manufacture, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of coated Pelton Runner (Fully Forged) for (2x11.25 MW) Ghanvi-I Hydro Electric Project" is hereby extended as per the following schedule:

| | |
|---|---|
| Request/Issue for online tender documents: | From 12.06.2020 (10:00 Hrs.) to 13.07.2020 (17:00 Hrs.) |
| Date of pre bid meeting: | 16.07.2020 (11:00 Hrs.) |
| Last date of submission of online tender: | Up to 28.07.2020 (11:00 Hrs.) |
| Date of opening of Techno-commercial bid (Part-I) | 28.07.2020 (15:00 Hrs.) |

The detailed tender notification can be viewed/ downloaded free of cost from website **http://www.tenderwizard.com/hpsebl** and tender document can be had after making prescribed payment. Any clarification/ amendment shall be uploaded on the above website.
All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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इसके सम्बन्ध में पुनः संशोधित विज्ञप्ति बाद में प्रकाशित की जाएगी।

(कृष्ण स्वरूप)
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पटना मेट्रो रेल कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड

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**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property (ies) mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of Punjab National Bank, secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", and "whatever there is"** for recovery of amount, as mentioned below due to Punjab National Bank secured creditors from below Named borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s). A short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any, are mentioned as under:

| Sl. No. | 1)Name of Borrower/ Name of the account 2)Name of the Branch: | Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner"s Name(mortgagers of property(ies)) | A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on _ C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive | E. Reserve Price F. Last date of deposit of EMD G. Bid Increase Amount H. EMD (Earnest Money Deposit | 1. Date of Auction 2.Time of Auction | Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1) Likith Enterprises Prop : N Nanjundaswamy 2) Malleswaram | All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.11,1st D Main Road, Gokul 1st Stage, 3rd Phase, Bangalore PID No.3-5-11 in ward No.3, Yeshwantpura Range, Bangalore admeasuring East to West 45 ft North-South 33 ft in total 1485 Sq.ft bounded on East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Road and South by: Private Property in the name of Mr. N. Nanjundaswamy together with building thereon having G+4 floors with built up area of 2070 Sft as per BBMP sanction. | A)16.02.2017 B) Rs.90.57 Lakhs plus interest and charges C)16.07.2018 D) Symbolic | E) Rs. 1,00,00,000/- F) 23.7.2020 upto 4 pm G) Rs 10,000/- H) Rs.10,00,000/- | 1) 29.07.2020 2) 11.00am to 4.00 p.m. | Nil |

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:
2. The properties are being sold on „AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".
3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://www.mstcecommerce.com on 29.7.2020.
5. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer www.ibapi.in, www.tenders.gov.in, www.mstcecommerce.com , https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app

Place : Bangalore
Date : 6.7.2020

Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

# CLASSIFIEDS

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, A.VELVIZHI,** Spouse of No. JC 310761X SUB A.Rajaraman, residing at # 44/2, Maruthinagar (Vill) Vallam (Post) Gingee (Tk) Viluppuram (Dist) Tamil Nadu (State) PIN:604206, have changed my name from **A.VELVIZHI** to **VELVIZHI.R** vide affidavit Dated 03/07/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) BANANDA SANJAY DARTI,** D/o. Ramakrishna Sanjay Bananda, residing at No. 3055, 11th Main, 11th Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) BANANDA SANJAY DHARTI** vide affidavit Dated 06/07/2020 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P., Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED AZAM,** Residing at Flat No. 202, 24 HBR Layout, 1st Stage, 4th Block, Hennur Bellary Road, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) AZAM NOORANI** vide affidavit Dated 01/07/2020 sworn before Notary G.Kaspar, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, AVINASH CHANDRA VERMA,** R/a TMQ NP-2/6, Air Force Station, Jalahalli (West) Bengaluru-560015, have changed my Wife name from **ANJU VERMA** to **ANJU SINGH,** vide affidavit No. IN-KA72790252160470S Dated 30 Jun 2020 before Notary I Kanikha Raja Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) SHIVANI,** Residing at No. 3C, Balaji Gardens, 1st Cross, 5th Main, Cholanagar, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SHIVANI SANTOSH NAYAK** vide affidavit Dated 06/07/2020 sworn before Notary D.Gunashekar, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mr. CHARAN SHEKAR J.,** S/o J. Lakshminarayana, age 20 years, R/o # 207, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, KSRTC Layout, Bangalore-78 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHARANSHEKAR L.** to **CHARAN SHEKAR J.,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **CHARAN SHEKAR J.** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 6-7-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Aravind Patil G.G.** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) JASKIRAN JEET KAUR,** Daughter of Satpal Singh, residing at No. Shashank Aikhya Appartment, Bangalore, have changed my name from **JASKIRAN JEET KAUR** to **(NEW NAME) JASKIRANJEET KAUR** vide affidavit dated 06/07/2020 sworn before Notary K.C.Gowthami, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) MOIN SHARIEFF,** Residing at No. 23/111, 10th Main, 8th Cross, Kuppaswamy Layout, Nagawara Main Road, A.C.Post, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MOIN SHARIFF** vide affidavit Dated 03/07/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHABREEN TAJ FAYAZ AHMED,** R/at No.02, 4th main, Gurappanapalya, BTM 1st Stage, Tavarakere, Bengaluru - 560029 have changed my name to **SHABREEN TAJ** vide affidavit dated: 01/07/2020 before Notary **Rajamani** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) IMRAN PASHA CHAND PASHA,** S/o. Chand Pasha, residing at No. 252, 2nd Floor, Flat No. 2, 2nd Main Road, Nanjappa Layout, Adugodi, Bangalore-560030, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) IMRAN PASHA CHAND** vide affidavit Dated 06/07/2020 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) SHAJIB KUMAR DEBNATH,** Residing at No. 21, House No. AT2, 3rd Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Yellamma Temple Road, Ganganagar, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) JAGADISH CHANDRA DEBNATH** vide affidavit Dated 01/07/2020 sworn before Notary G.Kaspar, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, Manasa .M., D/o.Mahendra .M.S., aged about 25 years, at present r/at No.12/50,1st Floor, Behind asjid, Doddabasthi, Ullal Upanagara Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560 060 has changed my name to **FATHIMA ZARA** vide affidavit dt:6/7/2020 sworn before Sumithra.N, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore .

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# COVID-19

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TRACKING COVID-19

A total of 1,843 Covid-19 cases were recorded in the state on Monday, taking the total to 25,317. Thirty deaths were reported on Monday. Bengaluru Urban alone registered 981 cases.

680 NEW RECOVERIES

10,527 TOTAL RECOVERED

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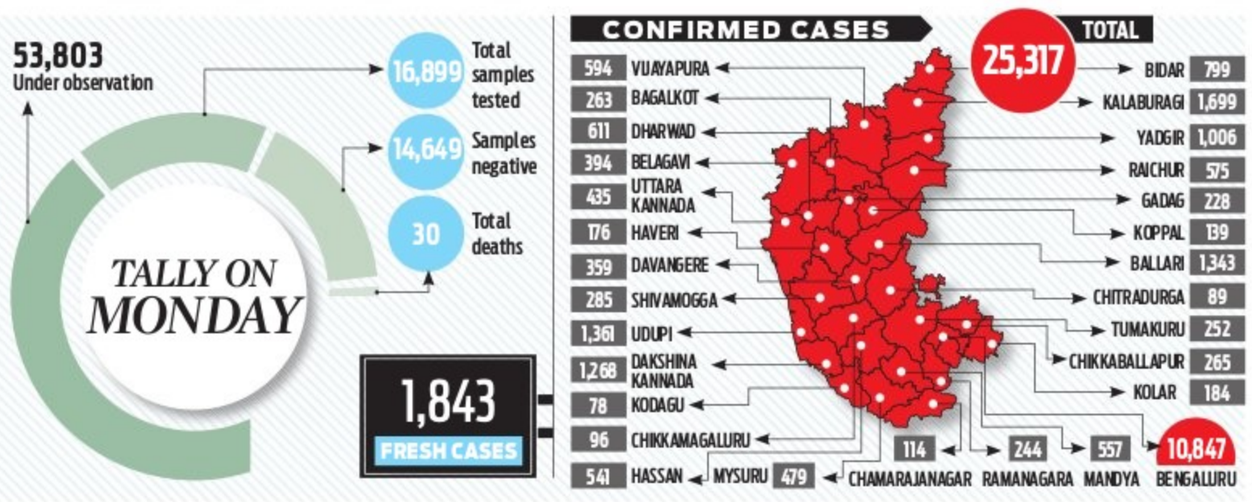
104 Arogya Sahayavani will function too



With cases on the rise, residents queue up in large numbers outside a clinic in Bengaluru, on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# COMMUNITY SPREAD HAS BEGUN, ADMIT IT: EXPERTS

Govt told it's time to educate people on responsibility, precautions

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

WITH the government unable to trace the contact source of more than 9,000 patients in the State, senior epidemiologists say it is high time the government announces community spread, and begins 'sentinel surveys' to micro-manage the situation.

"Community spread had to happen, and there's nothing the government could have done to prevent it. It's time to announce this and educate people on what needs to be done to ensure they seek help when they exhibit symptoms," said a senior virologist.

He says that people need to be told about community spread so that it brings a sense of responsibility. "The government should not consider community spread as its failure. People should know it's the community's responsibility, what symptoms to look out for and how to isolate themselves," he said.

Sentinel survey has helped to understand the extent of spread of the virus in the community, in states like Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.

"Sentinel survey with RT-PCR diagnostic modality, antigen-based and serological method to test select groups to pick up fresh Covid-19 cases, will surely pay off. This needs to start soon," said Dr Giridhara R Babu, professor, Indian Institute of Public Health, and adviser to the State.

A well-known virologist, who didn't wish to be named, explained that 'sentinel survey' in a few states has yielded good results in breaking the chain of transmission. "Under the initiative, hundreds of people are tested regularly. They could include cases of fever, Severe Acute Respiratory Infection and those suspected to have come in close proximity to positive cases, as per the Aarogya Setu app," he said.

Migrants who have left, healthcare workers/government officials on Covid-19 duty, people who have returned by train, shopkeepers, tailors, vegetable and fruit vendors, industrial workers etc can be tested.

Dr Babu added that this will help understand the disease trend. "Isolating people, if they test positive, is crucial to break the chain of transmission. It will also help to understand how immune people are."

Based on this data, the State can micro-manage the situation by locking down a particular area and ensuring containment of the virus. "Right now, it is important to delay the spread of the virus so that we are ready with healthcare facilities. Government should not see community spread as it's failure, but should be ready to manage the situation," the senior virologist explained.

Once the government plans a lockdown, it should ensure availability of beds in hospitals in that area, ambulances, contact tracing, advice on home or institutional isolation, provide a list of go-to officers etc.

Dr MK Sudarshan, chairman, Karnataka Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee, said 'Sentinel survey' has been approved by the committee and they are awaiting the nod from the health minister and additional chief secretary.

HOSPITAL APATHY

# Crime to turn patients away: Minister

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IMMEDIATELY after taking charge of his Covid-19 duties, assigned by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Revenue Minister R Ashoka on Monday said criminal action will be taken against private hospitals which deny treatment to patients, and also against erring officials.

Admitting that so far no action was taken against nine private hospitals, Ashoka said criminal proceedings will now be initiated.

On June 30, the health and family welfare department had slapped show-cause notices on nine private hospitals: Fortis, Cunningham Road; Mahaveer Jain Hospital, Vasanth Nagar; Suguna Hospital, Rajajinagar; Manipal Hospitals; Brindavan Hospital, Chamarajpet; Rangadoran Hospital, Chamarajpet; Vikram Hospital; Sakra Hospital and Bowring Hospital.

"Two Covid care hospitals, one each in north and south Bengaluru, especially for pregnant women, will come up. Also, 250 ambulances and at least one Tempo Traveller for each ward will be kept aside," he said.

He was speaking to the media after a meeting with Mayor M Goutham Kumar, Commissioner B H Anil Kumar and 70 ward corporators on Monday. "I am vice-chairman of the Disaster Management Authority and anybody found violating norms, will not be spared under the Disaster Management Act. Sufficient warnings have been given. Now criminal action will be taken," he said.

He added that if patients independently go to hospitals, stating they are Covid-19 positive, they will not be admitted. Patients will be informed if they are positive and citizens must cooperate and stay at home. An ambulance will pick them up. Corporators, health workers and joint commissioners must take the lead here, and create awareness.

He also directed corporators to print pamphlets and distribute them to all citizens in their wards with mobile numbers of corporators, joint commissioners, health officials, health workers and even ambulance drivers.

Ashoka also said that as all wards have containment zones, Rs 20 lakh and an additional Rs 10 lakh has been given to each ward to ensure that all facilities are available in these sealed areas. Corporators must ensure ambulances, mobile dialysis vehicles, medicines and food are made available to citizens and patients.

**AMBULANCES, TEMPO TRAVELLERS IN BBMP LIMITS**

| Zone | Ambulances | Tempo Travellers | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| East | 6 | 33 | 39 |
| West | 10 | 54 | 64 |
| South | 20 | 47 | 67 |
| RR Nagar | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Dasarahalli | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| Yelahanka | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Mahadevapura | 5 | 11 | 16 |
| Bommanahalli | 6 | 11 | 17 |

## Private hospitals get notice for overcharging

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

THE National Health Mission director on Monday sent a notice to Apollo Hospital for exceeding the government cost cap. "The total cost of Covid-19 testing per patient should not exceed Rs 4,500. But it is seen that, in the bill raised by your hospital dated 25th June, an amount of Rs 6,000 is charged. This is a clear violation..." the notice said, and sought a response within two days, failing which action would be taken.

Malini Aisola, co-convener of All India Drug Action Network, had shared the bill from Apollo Hospital, Bengaluru, on Twitter. A Covid-19 patient also shared his bill receipt with TNIE, dated July 1, from Manipal Hospitals in Bengaluru, that charged him Rs 6,083.

The State had, on April 17, capped the rates for samples referred by the government to private labs, at Rs 2,250. Individuals who approached private labs directly could be charged a maximum of Rs 4,500, as capped by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Additional chief secretary, health and family welfare department, Jawaid Akhtar said, "Charging Rs 6,000 is clearly beyond the ICMR cap. We will take action against such labs."

In response to TNIE's query, Apollo Hospitals said, "We have already initiated the refund process and rates have been revised as per government guidelines. Apollo Hospitals has always strictly followed guidelines issued by ICMR and health department..."

Manipal Hospitals responded with, "Manipal Hospitals has always followed protocol and abided by government guidelines. The patient has visited our hospital and what he claims to be in excess is inclusive of registration, consultation fee and PPE kit for a swab test."

*There is unjustifiable disparity between the reimbursed rate set by the state for processing government samples, and price paid by individuals for testing in private labs. Ideally, testing should be free for all*

Malini Aisola, All India Drug Action Network

COVID WATCH

**NO INSTITUTIONAL QUARANTINE FOR MAHA RETURNEES**

Bengaluru: The state government has once again tweaked its quarantine norms for inter-state passengers. Now, Maharashtra-returnees won't have to be in institutional quarantine. N Manjunath Prasad, principal secretary, Revenue Department, said, "Persons coming from other states to Karnataka, including Maharashtra, should be placed under home quarantine." ENS

**30 POSITIVES FROM KIDWAI, ELECTIVE SURGERIES PUT OFF**

Bengaluru: A total of 30 people have tested positive for Covid-19 at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology. The hospital has decided against holding elective surgeries till July 9, Dr C Ramachandra, director, KIDWAI, told TNIE. Only emergency cases will be taken up. In the past two weeks, 20 patients and 10 faculty members have tested positive at the institute. The institute has now been shut and fumigation is being done to sanitise the premises. ENS

**TUMAKURU SPORTS COMPLEX BECOMES COVID CARE CENTRE**

Tumakuru: A state-of-the-art sports complex built in 2018 in Tumakuru has been converted into 100-bed Covid Care Centre. Two duty doctors and four staff nurses, working in shifts, from nearby PHCs, will be deployed here. PPE equipment for the health workers has been arranged, and sources say that televisions might be provided for patients to beat boredom. ENS

## 27K samples pending in 57 labs

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

AS per data shared by the State Covid-19 war room, around 26,903 corona samples are still not processed and await testing in 57 RT-PCR private and government labs across the State.

The statistics from July 4 shows that some labs are testing beyond their capacity, while others are below their target.

Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, said, "Some district labs have less capacity, at times testing machines go out of order or one of the lab technicians tests positive. In such cases, the lab has to be shut down and samples redirected to another lab."

Nodal officer for Covid-19 testing in the State, Dr C N Manjunath who is also the director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, said, "In many labs, the data entry operators, lab technicians and microbiologists have tested positive and the labs have had to be shut down. This has been the case with Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute and NIMHANS labs and another lab in Mangaluru. This is one of the important reasons for the backlog. We are planning to have a team of backup technicians trained in NIMHANS, so that they can go to such affected labs and carry out sample testing."

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Health Commissioner, said, "We are trying to increase the capacity of labs. We are doing reallocation of samples among labs as well to reduce the waiting period for testing to

Sunday report

17 districts testing less than 50% capacity

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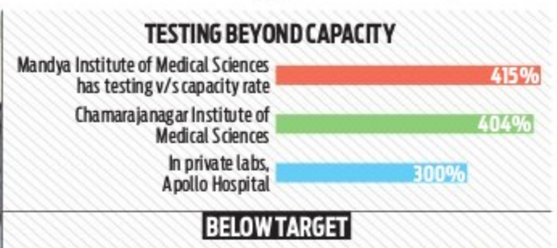
**TESTING BEYOND CAPACITY**

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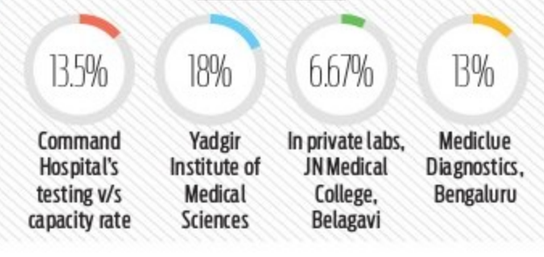

Parts of Bengaluru's Thyagaraja Nagar have been sealed | MEGHANA SASTRY

## BBMP, war room at odds on contact tracing

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AN analysis of Bengaluru's Covid figures in the past 5 days, as per the state health bulletin, reveals that for over 80 per cent of positive cases, contact tracing is still underway. However, BBMP officials have a different story to tell.

While senior BBMP officials and Covid war room members admit contact tracing is still going on, BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar says this is false. He told TNIE, "Each time a positive case is reported, ASHA and health workers note down contact details of the patient. But due to so much data, uploading it on the website takes time. So it appears as if contact tracing is still underway."

The city over the past 5 days has been reporting 700-1,250 cases a day. Health officials are collecting 5,000 swab samples a day on average. The BBMP and health department have roped in revenue inspectors and formed 200 teams to trace contacts at the ward level. "Week-long training has been given to field workers on how to collect information. Around 5,000 cases come to us, and 2,500 contacts are traced. A lot more people need to be traced, but it is becoming hard to keep track," said a BBMP official in the contact tracing team.

## Denied treatment, 64-yr-old woman dies at her home

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

A 64-year-old woman from Bilekahalli, who had a fever, high sugar levels and breathlessness, was denied treatment in more than 10 hospitals over two days, and she passed away waiting for her Covid report on Monday.

The husband, Joseph, a driver, said, "Around 2pm on Friday, my wife complained of breathlessness and fever. We went to a government hospital in Jayanagar, but they refused to treat her, saying we need to get a Covid test done. We made rounds of private hospitals in Seshadripuram, Cunningham Road, Malleswaram, Kengeri and Sarjapura Road, but all denied her treatment. We then went to Victoria Hospital where her swab was taken. They said the report would take 48 hours, so we went home."

He added, "We gave her paracetamol, but it didn't work. As her health kept deteriorating, we took her to more hospitals, but nobody admitted her. On Monday morning, she passed away. Then, the Covid report came, which was negative. If only they had treated her, she could have survived," a heartbroken Joseph said.

AGAINST GUIDELINES

## *Suspected of being Covid +ve, nursing home throws out woman in labour*

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

A 34-year-old pregnant woman from Sikkim was thrown out of a nursing home on Sunday afternoon while she was suffering labour pain, as the hospital suspected that she had Covid-19. She has been visiting the nursing home in Viveknagar since the beginning of her pregnancy. Two days ago, they took the woman's swab test but did not reveal the results.

Rosline Gomes, a close friend of the family, said, "She developed labour pain at around 11.30 am on Sunday and her family took her to the nursing home. Around 2.30 pm, they sent her out of the hospital, while she was in severe pain. They said they cannot treat someone with suspected Covid-19 symptoms. She was made to sit on a chair outside the nursing home. She was there for six hours and no doctor or nurse attended to her."

"How can the nursing home be so negligent and throw out a woman in labour pain? They could have referred her to another hospital or guided us. Or they could have let her deliver and then shifted her to another hospital for Covid-19 treatment. This is a serious issue and is no way to treat a patient, irrespective of if they have coronavirus or not," Rosline said.

"It is their responsibility to take care of her. We were all panicking and began searching for hospitals to take her to," Rosline said, adding, "Around 8 pm we took her to a private hospital in Malleswaram and she delivered a healthy baby boy on Monday morning."

When this hospital contacted the nursing home, they found that the result was positive. The family also got a call from BBMP later confirming the positive result. As they were unable to afford the Malleswaram hospital charges, Rosline shifted the woman to Vani Vilas Hospital later on Monday night.

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Commissioner for Health and Family Welfare, said, "We have a chain of maternity hospitals and will get in touch with them. They have to reserve 50 per cent of their beds for Covid-19 patients. As for this case, we will look into what action we can take."

Minister of Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar recently said that criminal action will be taken against private hospitals for denying treatment to Covid-19 patients. He was, however, unreachable for comment.

The semester exams for diploma courses, scheduled to be held from July 15 to August 5, have been postponed until further notice, the Karnataka Department of Higher Education announced on Monday

# Over 1L from TS in a fix as Kuwait plans expat bill

## TS natives in Kuwait say this move has been a long time coming, owing to rise in visa frauds

AIHIK SUR @Hyderabad

WHILE the Kuwaiti government's Expat Quota Bill will lead to repatriation of around eight lakh Indians from the Gulf nation, the fate of more than one lakh Telangana natives hangs in balance.

The people of Telangana, who are staying in Kuwait, told Express that this move has been a long time coming owing to rise in visa frauds and increase in Covid-19 cases in that country as well as lack of jobs.

Muralidhar Reddy, a migrants activist and an entrepreneur now based in Kuwait, said that the first affected would be those living illegally in the country and those who have come in through 'visa trading'.

"Earlier, the price of visa registration was really less. But in the last 30 years, due to lack of business, companies started charging huge amounts ... around ₹3 to ₹4 lakhs for one work visa," he explained.

The Kuwaiti government found that in the last four years around ₹9,000 crore worth of transactions were defrauded, Reddy added.

"Many workers have been coming to Kuwait on the sponsorship of an individual or company but are being forced to work in the sponsorship of others, which according to the country's law, is illegal," he said.

According to Telangana Jagruthi (Kuwait) member Pramod Kumar, people who have been staying in the country for more than 15 years will also be affected by the decision.

"Those who have been staying for more than 15 years are sure to be affected. They will be around 60 years of age, and anyhow they will not be able to work here above that age," he said.

Muralidhar Reddy added that people in that age group are more susceptible to the virus and the Kuwaiti government feels that those people may also unknowingly contribute to the spread of the virus.

However, both Kumar and Reddy took solace in the fact that it will take another year or two for the rules to be implemented, but they are unsure about their future.

Reddy rued the absence of a Telangana government-headed Gulf Board, which would have been able to take up this matter with the Kuwaiti government.

"If there was a Gulf board, the State government and we would have been able to take this matter up with the Kuwaiti government," Reddy said while requesting the State government provide its support in the issue.

**Top remittance source**

Kuwait has been one of the top remittance sources for India. Last year, about $4.58 billion worth of remittances flew in to India from this Gulf Arab country.

# Potato growers crushed by bad seeds

SUNIL PATIL @Belagavi

POTATO growers in the taluk are in a fix as the seeds have failed to germinate dashing all their hopes of the season. It has already claimed a life, with a farmer committing suicide recently.

Belagavi is the only taluk in the district where potatoes are cultivated during the Kharif season in the red and black soil in rain-fed areas. Farmers grow potato in about 2,500 hectares of land in the taluk. The area of cultivation was large earlier but it is shrinking year by year due to changing climatic conditions and low yield against expectation. Still, some farmers cultivate potato. But this time, the farmers are staring at loss at the very beginning as the seeds they have sown are of substandard quality.

The commission agents who trade potato in the APMC market in Belagavi give the seeds on credit to the farmers every year. They get the seeds from Jalandhar in Punjab. Farmers have bought the seeds by paying Rs 2,400 per quintal.

Appasaheb Desai, a farmer leader, said, "'Hundreds of farmers have bought the seeds by taking loans. But most of the seeds are of poor quality and sold at a high price to the farmers. A potato grower spends about Rs 50,000 per acre of cultivation. Soon a massive protest will be held before the Deputy Commissioner's office to bring this loss to the government's notice."

Ravindra Hakati, Deputy Director, Horticulture department, said, "'Farmers are buying the seeds from the private trading companies and even do not ask for a receipt. This makes it difficult to take any action. However, we are conducting a survey and collecting the samples to investigate the quality of the seeds."

# Dalit woman raped, killed over affair in Cuddalore

NIRUPA SAMPATH @ Cuddalore

RELATIVES of a 40-year-old Dalit woman, whose dead body was found tied to a tree at Sriraman village on Saturday, alleged that the deceased was raped and murdered by Hindu men, including a widower with whom she allegedly had a relationship for the past two years.

The victim's neighbours said the woman and Palani (45) were in a relationship. Palani's sons Muthuvel, Ajith and Seth were against the affair. "Five months ago, Muthuvel and Ajith tied the woman to a lamppost, beat her up and hurled caste slurs. Yet, the couple continued their relationship," a neighbour said.

An officer attached to the Srimushnam police station rubbished the villagers' claims. "On Saturday noon, the victim went to take bath near a village temple, where she borrowed another woman's phone and called Palani. She asked him to reach the spot with some liquor, but Palani refused to do so," the officer said

"Doctors, who conducted her autopsy, confirmed that there were no injury marks on the woman's body, and it might be a case of suicide. We also took Palani into custody for an inquiry on Saturday," he added.

Commenting on the police remarks, the victim's relatives said the woman did not have a habit of consuming liquor. "When the body was first spotted, we had noticed injury marks on her hand, and her clothes were torn. We have taken a video of the injuries. We request the police to conduct a fair inquiry," a relative pleaded.

Demanding the arrest of the accused, the relatives staged a protest outside Srimushanm police station on Monday.

# 'Aug deadline for vaccine unfeasible'

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THE Indian Council for Medical Research's (ICMR) target to launch a vaccine for COVID-19 by August 15 is "unfeasible" and has raised "unrealistic hopes", the Indian Academy of Sciences (IASc), a Bengaluru-based scientists' body said on Sunday.

This is in response to the ICMR's letter where it reportedly said it "envisaged" to launch the vaccine for public use after completing clinical trials. The IASc said administrative approvals can be fast-tracked, the "scientific processes of experimentation and data collection have a natural time span that cannot be hastened without compromising standards of scientific rigour."

It welcomed the venture by the ICMR and Bharat Biotech India Limited, but said, "IASc strongly believes that the announced deadline is unfeasible."

# KPCC office staff getting tested for virus

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SHIVAKUMAR'S oath-taking ceremony was attended by many other senior leaders including AICC General Secretary K C Venugopal, former ministers and legislators.

Even prior to the event, Ranganath had visited the party office regularly to oversee the preparations.

KPCC working president Eshwar Khandre said he was shocked to learn that Ranganath had tested positive and spoke to him on Monday morning. He said that he too would get tested for Covid-19 as a precaution.

A man passes barricades on Avenue Road in Bengaluru, which was sealed down on Monday | PANDARINATH B

The party is said to be getting its staff working at the KPCC headquarters tested. While some party functionaries have already started giving samples for tests, some felt there was no need for any concern as the MLA tested positive three days after the event.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Man duped of ₹18 lakh

Bengaluru: A man was allegedly duped to the tune of ₹18 lakh. Police said Zamkholal Chonglo met the accused on Facebook where the latter, named as Prophet TB Joseph, a London resident, said he wanted to start Gospel Ministry projects in India. The accused told Chonglo that he had deposited ₹17.96 crore to RBI. On his call, Chonglo deposited ₹18 lakh to various accounts and then the accused stopped replying to his messages, the police added.

### Burglar held, ₹19 lakh recovered

Bengaluru: The city police have nabbed a notorious burglar and recovered stolen goods worth Rs 19 lakh. With the arrest of Anil Dev K (30) of Jalahalli, police have cracked eight burglary cases. "With Anil Dev's arrest, five cases in Bagalagunte, two in Peenya and one in Soladevanahalli police stations were solved. Stolen property, including 382 gram gold jewels, has been recovered," the police added.

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No.BMICAPA/CLU-02/41/2019-20 Date: 06.07.2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri Raju S/o Late Jayaramegowda has applied to Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority seeking Change of land use from Agriculture to Commercial (Commercial complex and Hotel) purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining to lands in Sy.No:111/3 of extent 00Acre-08¾ Guntas (including 00Acre-03Guntas 'A' Kharab) in Honniganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District. Applicant has stated that the change of land use is in the interest of public by quoting the following: 1. By the Conversion of the said land that area will be developed as a Business Centre. Accordingly the near by area will also developed. 2. In this area Commercial (Commercial Complex and Hotel) Business will be developed thus it provides facility to the public at large. 3. By developing the Business Centre it generates jobs to labourers and others. 4. Construction of Commercial Complex and Hotel helps the public. Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary
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TWO COVER TENDER (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender for the following works on Item rate basis are invited as **Standard Bid Document KW-4** by the Executive Engineer, Hebbala Division on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, from the registered Contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/ MES or any State Government Organizations.

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**Notice Inviting E-Tender No:02/2020.**
{Through E-Procurement}

Application are invited through E-Procurement for selection of Licences to the stalls, Pure Drinking Water Unit & Cleaning Contractor at pay and use systems at various bus Station that come under the jurisdiction of Dharwad Division. Tender Documents can be downloaded through E-Procurement Website **"http/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** till 27/07/2020Time 17:00 hours, the last date submission for Online Application is 28-07-2020 up to17:00 hours. The Persons Who Are Having DCS (Digital Signature Certificate) is Eligible to participate in the Tender. For more Details Bidders may contact the above Office are through phone Mob:7760996271 (Divisional Traffic Officer).

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| Sl. No. | Name of work with Approximate value | Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees) | Period of Completion (including monsoon period) | Cost of Tender documents with GST |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Construction of New Collectorate and other office Buildings at **Veeracholapuram** (SF.No.394/15) in Kallakurichi District. (Approximate value of work including GST – Rs.8361.00 Lakhs.) | Rs.42,00,000/- | 18 Months | Rs.15,000/- + GST Rs.1800/- |

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| 1. | Construction of New Building for Collectorate and other offices in Campus of Institute of Veterinary and Preventive Medicine (IVPM) at Ranipet in Ranipet District. (Approximate value of work including GST – Rs.11099.00 Lakhs.) | Rs.55,60,000/- | 18 Months | Rs.15,000/- + GST Rs.1800 /- |
| 2. | Construction of New Building for Collectorate and other offices in S.No.325 at Thiruppathur Town in Thiruppathur District. (Approximate value of work including GST – Rs.9185.00 Lakhs.) | Rs.46,10,000/- | 18 Months | Rs.15,000/- + GST Rs.1800 /- |

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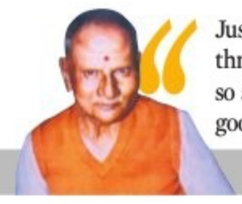

Just like a deficiency disease is cured through the supply of the missing factor, so are the diseases of living cured by a good dose of intelligent detachment

Nisargadatta Maharaj

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— Ramnath Goenka

## COVID SURGE IN KARNATAKA LEAVES NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY

Learning to live with the virus could be a reality stretching to the near future, but it is nonetheless a dismal thought. Already a fatigue seems to be setting in across the board. Take the case of Bengaluru Police: They were quite a band of Covid warriors, all over the place, guarding the roads and checkpoints, particularly the footsoldiers of the city police commissionerate. Cases of high-handedness were few and far between. Till the cops copped out, quite literally. Over 269 of them tested positive, and 19 police stations had to be sealed. Since then, that 24x7 zeal too has ebbed. Even in the hinterland, cops got infected while trying to nab dacoits and other sundry lawbreakers.

The next victims: Of course, the healthcare workers. Chock-full hospitals are now getting bad press for not admitting patients with breathlessness or other acute Covid syndromes. The state government is at its wits' end, submerged with complaints—of ambulances not reaching on time, oxygen beds not available, helplines not responding, private profiteering. B S Yediyurappa, who appeared a determined administrator just early last week, is beginning to sound a tad philosophical. A sure sign of being overwhelmed—what with the caseload spiking from 11,005 just on June 26 to 23,474 on July 5, and some 26,000 test results still pending. No retreat or even plateau is in sight.

Bengaluru, Karnataka's hotspot, is still much better off than other metros and the national average: on positivity ratio, new cases or fatalities. But the surge leaves no scope for complacency. It's not for nothing that India has pipped Russia to the world's third Covid spot. The reasons are not too difficult to guess: in Melbourne and Victoria, an unlocked Sunday has resulted in such a spike that Australian authorities are reimposing the lockdown. With our capacity to care for the sick running thin, the onus of staying safe is clearly on us.

## A CRITICAL QUESTION THE BCCI HAS TO ANSWER

What should have come from within the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has come from the Comptroller and Auditor General's (CAG) representative. Alka Rehani Bharadwaj, part of the nine-member Apex Council, has sought clarifications on the tenure of three office-bearers. The Apex Council is the decision-making body of the BCCI, consisting of five office-bearers, two player representatives, a co-opted member and the CAG representative. Going by the BCCI constitution, secretary Jay Shah's tenure got over last month. President Sourav Ganguly's term ends on July 27 and joint-secretary Jayesh George's on September 23. They have or will have completed six years at a stretch in office in BCCI and/or in state associations. A three-year cooling-off break is mandatory before they can take charge again.

While the BCCI appealed to the Supreme Court for a relaxation of this rule along with a host of other rules—and went into silence when the matter never came up for hearing—crucial questions kept begging for answers. The next Apex Council meeting is scheduled for July 17. Rehani Bharadwaj has asked for a status update of the three office-bearers. If the tenure is over, one is not eligible to attend Apex Council meetings. If Shah does so on July 17 or if Ganguly turns up for the next one after July 27, it will amount to violation of the BCCI constitution and lead to complications. Although the matter concerns the board and its 38 affiliated units, Rehani Bharadwaj is the only person asking this question. The silence of the office-bearers is leading to speculations. Do they believe that the court will throw them a lifeline? There is no answer.

What this does suggest, however, is that the BCCI remains the same. Cooling-off and other rules that they want to change are all part of the reforms carried out on the order of the apex court. Relaxation of regulations will take the BCCI back to the pre-reform days. Everybody in the BCCI is aware of this and still pretends as if there is nothing unusual about it. Rehani Bharadwaj deserves credit for raising the question. Sooner or later, the BCCI officials will have to answer it.

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## IT'S NOT JUST FOR CORONA, INDIA NEEDS MULTIPLE VACCINES

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These are strange times in many ways. At no other point in history has the entire world been focused on only one problem: finding a drug, ideally a vaccine, for a raging pandemic that has affected millions, throwing out of gear what all of us believed was normal life. In the Indian context, though, there appears to be a dire need for more than one vaccine to deal with the social, political and economic orders that have come to dictate our lives. This is needed if the electoral democracy and the institutions we have built in the post-Independence era—having already developed comorbidities owing to assaults at different times—are not to succumb to the varied viruses sweeping across the nation. Suppression of labour power (what UP and other states are doing using Covid as an excuse), disdain for intellectuals and using fear as a tool against the masses and selected individuals—the signs are all there.

But let's make no mistake. Such knocks have been delivered even before, crudely during the time of Indira Gandhi, more subtly during UPA rule, and perhaps belligerently now. Some of the vaccines that are needed have existed for long in the form of protections under the Indian Constitution. It's just that they are out of stock now or those who are required to vaccinate themselves are unwilling to do so.

**Vaccine I**: So what's vaccine No. 1 that is now in short supply? Former Supreme Court judge Madan Lokur lamented in a recent piece that even extremely important remedies such as writ of habeas corpus, anticipatory bail and bail are being denied. This, despite the SC laying down on many occasions that criticism of the government or even sowing bad feelings about it cannot be a justifiable ground for restrictions on freedom of expression, because a very important aspect of democracy is that citizens shall have no fear of the government.

Justice Lokur was among the four judges who held the famous or infamous press conference in January 2018, when they pointed at the "procedural failings" affecting the functioning of the highest court, apparently under the influence of the executive. But such interferences happened in the past, too, and we need not go too much into history. At a dinner meeting some years ago, one of the sitting judges of the SC revealed to his colleagues, in a hushed tone, that a particular HC judge cannot be considered for elevation to the apex court because 'such a message' had come from 10, Janpath. This is as abhorrent as the procedural failings raised by the honourable judges.

**Vaccine II**: One bewildering aspect is why leaders think the media can change their fortunes. Yes, it holds up the mirror and helps those in power make course corrections, but to believe that people will get carried away by the 'feel-good factor' created in the media is, perhaps, giving it more credit than is due. For all the support he enjoyed from large sections of media throughout his political career, Chandrababu Naidu has the dubious distinction of having led the Telugu Desam to its two worst-ever electoral defeats. Public perception about his governance kept changing, despite all the window dressing.

Even on this count, described as media management, the BJP alone is not to be blamed. If the Gujarat government has registered a case of sedition against an online portal editor for writing that the state chief minister is likely to be replaced, the track record of state governments ruled by non-BJP leaders is no different. Haven't we heard of the West Bengal government slapping a case against a professor for sharing a cartoon on Mamata Banerjee and similar absurdities elsewhere as well? At varying periods in history, institutions preferred self-censorship, much like the self-isolation we are being advised if affected by the coronavirus. There may be no vaccine yet for corona but we have one in the form of Article 19 (right to freedom of speech/expression), if only we want to fight the other disease.

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**Vaccine III**: An oft-repeated observation by critics of Narendra Modi is that his success has more to do with the lack of an alternative leader. Let's accept the country now has only one political icon—Modi. During Emergency and after, the nation needed another icon and found one in Jayaprakash Narayan, despite his failing health, even as activists of the non-Congress coalition took to the streets with his recorded speech played out on loudspeakers.

Experience has shown us that for any political party, there cannot be an alternative to mass contact, similar to what the RSS does for the BJP. Dozens of political parties abound in this country but the more pertinent question to ponder is why Modi still finds favour with the people. Back in the 1970s, JP not only proved to be an alternative icon but also came up with an alternative narrative. All that his disciples did later—the Mulayam Singhs of UP and Lalu Yadavs of Bihar—was to foist family on people. Modi critics, too, concede that a precondition for a credible alternative to emerge is for the Congress, in its current avatar with the Gandhis at the helm, to be consigned to the dustbin because the family provides the most effective vaccine for the BJP to stave off any crisis. What this country needs is a genuine opposition, which could be the preventive shot against the failings/excesses of those in power, and if this has to happen, the Congress should reinvent itself.

On the flip side, the risks of what we are currently witnessing are actually greater for the parties in power, whether in the Centre or in the states, because the latent anger/discontent will be invisible until it's too late. Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, among the respected prime ministers of this country, recalled an anecdote in one of his speeches in Parliament. "I was a young MP, sitting on the back benches, but I had my fair share of arguments/disagreements with Pandit Nehru. I once told him that he is a split personality, reflecting both Churchill and Chamberlain, the UK prime minister accused of adopting an appeasement policy towards Adolf Hitler's Germany before the Second World War." All that Nehru did was to compliment Vajpayee for a good speech. "If I were to indulge in similar criticism today, it would amount to fostering enmity," Vajpayee quipped in 1996, wondering whether or not Nehru's spirit merited respect. We are now in 2020.

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## FRAGRANT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AIR

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Author and founder of IndiTales

A trip to Europe used to have two mandatory stops—a winery and a perfumery. Perfume makers proudly showcase their fragrances, new and classic. Back home, one finds rows of colourful oil-based perfume bottles in the lanes of Chandni Chowk in Delhi, Charminar in Hyderabad or Hazratganj in Lucknow. Connoisseurs visit these lanes to get custom-made fragrances for themselves.

Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh is India's undisputed fragrance hub since the time it was the capital of Emperor Harshvardhana in the early 7th century CE. The making of perfumes is mentioned in ancient texts like *Charak Samhita* and Gangadhara's *Gandhasara*. Kannauj continues to produce *attar*—an oil-based perfume extracted using traditional methods in 350-odd small-scale units in the town. They have captured the smell of the first rains and smell of the earth in their bottles, and deservedly have a Geographical Indication tag.

Visit an upmarket mall and you would find it hard to spot an Indian perfume brand. I could only locate one brand from Titan among all the lists of best-selling perfumes in India. This too has been designed by French perfumers, positioned as a French perfume with even an advertisement in French. Then there are some niche brands that would classify as boutique outfits, catering to a small audience in the luxury segment. Most of the mass consumption of ethanol or alcohol-based fragrances is that of popular international brands, some of which are from multinational FMCG companies operating in India. The oil-based fragrances produced in the small-scale units in the hinterlands of India have a small market in India and the Middle East.

As per the MSME website, the global fragrance and flavour industry is about $24.1 billion and India's share is just about $500 million. Of this, about 40% is the home fragrance share that includes fragrant sprays and scented oils.

The Fragrance and Flavour Development Centre (FFDC) was set up in Kannauj in 1991 by the Government of India, with two extension centres at Kanpur in UP and Berhampur in Odisha. It aims to serve as an interface between the essential oil, fragrance and flavour industry, and the R&D institutions both in the field of agro technology and chemical technology. They provide training to entrepreneurs on areas like aromatherapy, essential oils, perfumery, making *agarbatti* and *dhoop*, and setting up small processing units for primary processing of raw fragrance.

Fragrances are an invisible part of almost every consumer product we use on a day-to-day basis. Right from our toothpastes to cosmetics to food on our plate, fragrances make an important industrial input product. The wellness industry has services like aromatherapy that uses essential oils. The supply chain of fragrances consists of the cultivation of aromatic plants, primary processing at the local level, secondary processing as per the need of the final product and the incorporation in the final product. Perfumes are the simplest product that need just the right concentrate mix and packaging, after which it is more or less a marketing game.

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There are majorly 300 different types of fragrant raw materials. Of these, 50% are cultivated and the rest are found in nature. A significant number of these can be easily cultivated. India is a leader in production of raw materials of some of the fragrances like menthol mint, spice oils, oleoresins and some floral extracts. Immense untapped opportunities exist in cultivation and processing of plants like basil, lemongrass, flowers and spices that grow in India's weather conditions. Setting up a primary processing unit is easy and not capital intensive. Many such units are being managed by self-help groups. A lot of government support is also available to set up such units as they fall under the MSME category.

In terms of trends, deodorants dominate India's market, though perfumes are slowly gaining share. Note that the difference between the two is just the percentage of fragrance oil they have. Working professionals, particularly women, are major consumers of fragrances in India. Globally, ethanol-based perfumes are making way for new materials like cyclomethicone. The recent surge in the usage of sanitisers due to Covid-19 has added to the demand of fragrances.

Consumers are always looking for fresh new fragrances. So the industry needs to constantly respond by concocting new ways to titillate the olfactory nerves. The consumption of local oil-based perfumes remains limited. Traditionalists say oil-based perfumes work better and last longer in our hot tropical weather. Will this awareness change the consumption patterns? Maybe.

When I asked Shakti Vinay Shukla, the director of FFDC, why we do not have homegrown brands of perfumes, he said perfume choices are driven by fashion houses and most of them are aligned to the European ones.

Is it not time to have homegrown fragrance brands for the large consumer market in India? Should Indian fragrances not carve a niche for themselves in the world? Shouldn't Indian consumers demand local fragrances? The industry is bound to respond. Vocal for Local can be an umbrella marketing campaign for this.

*(Tweets @anuradhagoyal)*

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### Oli's plans will backfire

This is with reference to *Oli on dangerous ground as he seeks to split party* (Jul 6). The Nepal PM's intention to join hands with the opposition in a bid to stay in power is opportunistic. His attempts to desperately hold on to power will certainly backfire on him.

**Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur**

### A shrewd move

Indo-Nepal relations have progressively deteriorated recently. India has discreetly kept a low profile on the new maps. It is shrewd to wait for the political instability in Nepal to subside before picking the issue up. India has a vital interest in the continued control of Lipu Lekh at the tri-junction. The challenge will be to achieve this without sacrificing historically friendly relations with Nepal.

**Venkat Naidu, Narsapur**

### Diplomatic baggage misuse

It is shocking to read about 30 kg of smuggled gold seized by customs in Thiruvananthapuram from diplomatic baggage, reportedly meant for the UAE consulate. This is a serious misuse of diplomatic baggage that is expected to be devoid of contraband.

**K V Raghuram, Wayanad**

### Cruel joke during Covid

When the whole country is reeling under the pain inflicted by Covid-19, with jobs and income sources drying up, the sports ministry announcing that the ₹2 lakh cap on the salary of coaches is to be removed sounds like a cruel joke. It may be justified to attract talent, but the sports minister cannot be oblivious to the current situation. The least he should do is not flaunt such news.

**Capt Raju Mathai (Retd)., Kochi**

### MP's words objectionable

It is disheartening to note that Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee has called Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman a venomous snake. The manner in which he made this objectionable remark and also called her the worst finance minister in the world is uncivilised.

**R Pichumani, Kumbakonam**

### Criticise policies instead

Banerjee's controversial remark is against basic decorum in our democracy. People have the right to protest against policies that are detrimental to the interests of the country, but purely in a democratic way. However, the apathy of the finance minister in not reining in the spiralling fuel prices is condemnable.

**Thomas K M, Muvattupuzha**

### Disturbing new claim

The news that WHO's claim about the virus spreading through only large respiratory droplets and not air is being challenged by 239 scientists is highly disturbing. This must be studied further using the evidence provided by the scientists. The stance on restaurants and bars must be revised if this is true.

**P K Jayanandan, Kozhikode**

### Uniform, quality education

This is with reference to *The curious case for consolidating schools* (Jul 6). Dilapidated schools with unhealthy pupil-teacher ratios are waging a losing battle with the state-of-the-art infrastructure of private schools. Reimagining a system that delivers uniform, quality education for every child requires a honest and concerted plan.

**Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati**

### Take care of frontline staff

The death of an anganwadi worker while working in a quarantine centre in Ganjam district, Odisha, is painful. Though she had complained of cough and chest pain for a week, no testing or medical care was provided and she was forced to work till she died. The government should take care of anganwadi workers as they are the pillar of health services in rural areas.

**Kaushik Priyadarshi Panda, Jajpur**

### A visual delight

The photographs of flamingos and other birds flocking at Chennai's Pallikaranai marshland were a visual delight. (*A weekend date*, July 5). Living in these difficult times, it is comforting to see aquatic birds enjoying their congregations without needing to know anything about social distancing.

**R Sivakumar, Chennai**

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**TWEETS OF THE DAY**

**Rajnath Singh** @RajnathSingh
Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee worked for the unity and integrity of India his whole life

**Aaditya Thackeray** @AUThackeray
Every district of Maharashtra is forming a task force of doctors. We won't give up on this fight

**Kanhaiya Kumar** @KanhaiyaKumar
There is a difference between 'Acting' of being the PM and to 'Act' like a PM

NSA Ajit Doval talked to Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi late on Sunday | FILE

# Doval-Yi talk sets the ball rolling on disengagement

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

A two-hour long phone call between National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi late on Sunday got the ball rolling for the disengagement of troops in Galwan Valley along the Line of Actual Control.

"NSA Doval and minister Wang — the two special representatives on the boundary issue — had a frank and in-depth exchange of views on the recent developments in the Western Sector of the border areas," a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs said.

Sources said Doval and Yi laid emphasis on restoration of peace and tranquility along the LAC to prevent such incidents in future.

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> Ministry of External Affairs

"The two special representatives agreed that both sides should take guidance from the consensus of the leaders that maintenance of peace and tranquility in the India-China border areas was essential for the further development of our bilateral relations and that two sides should not allow differences to become disputes. Therefore, they agreed that it was necessary to ensure at the earliest complete disengagement of the troops along the LAC and de-escalation from border areas for full restoration of peace and tranquility. In this regard they further agreed that both sides should complete the ongoing disengagement process along the LAC expeditiously," the statement read.

The two leaders also agreed to ensure a phased and stepwise de-escalation in the border areas and that no side should try to unilaterally alter the status quo to ensure that no further incidents occur.

"The two special representatives agreed that the diplomatic and military officials of the two sides should continue their discussions, including under the framework of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China border affairs, and implement the understandings reached in a timely manner to achieve the above outcomes. It was also agreed that the two special representatives will continue their conversations to ensure full and enduring restoration of peace and tranquility in border areas," the MEA statement said.

# 'Unlocked' Europe saw fewer Covid cases

Cases and deaths came down during phased unlocking in five worst hit European countries in contrast to India

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

A woman giving sample for COVID-19 test in New Delhi on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

In stark contrast with India's experience during Unlock 1.0 in June, an analysis of data of five of the worst-hit European countries by the Covid-19 pandemic shows that the number of daily fresh cases and deaths have progressively declined after they began a phased unlock around mid-May.

In Italy, one of the worst-affected in Europe, lockdown was announced on March 23 and it announced a graded lifting of restrictions from May 4. Since then daily Covid-19 cases have been on the decline, from 1,075 cases on May 5 to 519 cases on June 5 and 192 cases on July 5. A similar trend is seen as far as the deaths are concerned, with 236 dead on May 5 to 85 deaths on June 5 and 21 on July 4.

India, on the other hand, had 97,008 active cases on June 1, when Unlock-1.0 began. By June-end, that figure climbed to 2,20,478. On July 6, India reported a huge spike of 24,248 new corona cases with 425 fatalities.

Another country in Europe, Germany, started a phased lifting of the lockdown from April-end. The number of cases in that country on April 30 was 1,470, it came down to 275 on May 30 and 140 on July 5. Similarly, Spain lifted the national state of emergency on June 22 and a phased opening in mid-May. Since May 17, the cases have been declining with slight jumps occasionally.

In France, the first phase of unlock started on May 11. The graph of daily cases is steady, with an occasional rise. On May 11, about 456 cases were reported, but on May 28 it rose to 3,325 falling down to 81 on June 24 but 1,588 on June 26. France saw 18 deaths on July 3.

The UK started relaxing norms from June 1. The daily cases have remained below 2,000 since then with numbers recording only slight changes. The daily cases were 516 on July 5 while the number was 1,287 on June 13. Daily deaths have remained below 400 since June 1 with fluctuations on some days.

## Cases near 7 lakh mark, positivity rate declines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH emphasis on increasing testing, prompt contact tracing and timely clinical management of Covid-19 cases, the national test positivity rate now stands at 6.73%, the Centre said on Monday.

Test positivity rate is the percentage of tests that turn out to be positive for SARS-CoV-2. It is an important indicator in assessing the trend of an outbreak and according to the World Health Organization this rate should be under 5 in order to contain the pandemic.

> **The average number of samples being tested per day, which was only 5,481 between June 1 and 5, has witnessed a huge increase to reach an average of 18,766 samples per day between July 1-5**
> Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said as on Sunday, there were eight states/UTs with lower test positivity rate than the national average and tests per million higher than the national average. These include Puducherry (5.55%), Chandigarh (4.36%), Assam (2.84%), Tripura (2.72%), Karnataka (2.64%), Rajasthan (2.51%), Goa (2.5%) and Punjab (1.9%).

Meanwhile, a single-day jump of 24,248 Covid 19 cases took India's tally close to the 7-lakh mark on Monday, while the death toll climbed to 19,693 with 425 fatalities in 24 hours.

The Centre underlined that in Delhi, the efforts being made by the state government were significantly bolstered by the Union government to increase testing. Tests were ramped up through more RT-PCR testing along with the new Rapid Antigen Point-of-Care tests which gives results in only about 30 minutes without a lab.

"As a result of concerted and focused efforts by Government of India to augment efforts, the average number of samples being tested per day, which was only 5,481 between June 1 and 5, has witnessed a huge increase to reach an average of 18,766 samples per day between July 1-5," said the ministry in a statement, adding that the positivity rate in Delhi has seen a substantial decrease from about 30% to 10% in last three weeks.

The total number of Covid-19 tests in India reached near the one-crore mark, as per the ICMR figures. "A cumulative total of 99,69,662 samples have been tested as of now; 1,80,596 samples being tested on July 5," ICMR said.

## Former vaccine task force chief quits THSTI

NEW DELHI: Noted clinical scientist Gagandeep Kang quit as executive director of the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), the Department of Biotechnology said Monday. "She cited family reasons for her resignation," said Siuli Mitra, a Professional Expert (Science Communication) at THSTI.

Kang, who worked on the development and use of vaccines for rotaviruses, cholera and typhoid, conducting large studies to define burden, test vaccines and measure their impact, is the first woman from India to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. She is also the first Indian woman to be elected to Fellowship of the American Academy of Microbiology.

She was also the head of the now disbanded ICMR task force on Covid-19 vaccines, reportedly after difference of opinion between her and top officials. Kang is also associated with the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness, a global consortium involved in facilitating Covid vaccine candidates. *ENS*

## BJP targets Rahul for skipping Parl panel meetings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Monday questioned the absence of Rahul Gandhi from the meetings of parliamentary panel on defence while the Congress sought to step up the heat on the government by demanding an apology from Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his statement that none has intruded into the Indian territory in the wake of reports of disengagement between the Indian and Chinese troops in Ladakh.

BJP president J P Nadda alleged that while Rahul skips the meetings of the standing committee on defence, he never misses an opportunity to demoralise the Armed Forces.

"Rahul Gandhi does not attend a single meeting of Standing Committee on Defence. But sadly, he continues to demoralise the nation, question the valour of our armed forces and do everything that a responsible opposition leader should not do," Nadda tweeted.

BJP spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member GVL Narsimha Rao claimed the former Congress chief had skipped the visit of Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh by the members of the Parliament panel. "The Parliamentary Standing Committee has met 11 times so far after it was constituted in 2019, but Gandhi hasn't attended even one of them," he said.

Congress, meanwhile, asked the PM to apologise to the country. He should tell the nation how much Indian territory is still under Chinese occupation, party leader Pawan Khera said.

**Congress demands apology from PM**
Congress, while saying it was "proud of the Army", asked the PM to "use this opportunity to come out and address the nation, take the country into confidence and apologise

## SC sets aside HC order in Navlakha case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday set aside a Delhi High Court order that had sought explanation from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on why the agency took activist **Gautam Navlakha** to Mumbai while his bail plea was pending before it. A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra also expunged the HC's adverse remarks against the NIA which had noted the hurry it showed in moving Navlakha, who is facing anti-terror charges in the Elgar Parishad case.

The bench also expressed displeasure at the high court's decision to entertain Navlakha's interim bail plea on medical grounds, especially after the SC had on an earlier occasion declined the relief and ordered him to surrender and remarked that the high court had no jurisdiction to hear the petition because the case is before a NIA court in Bombay.

Navlakha had surrendered in Delhi due to the nationwide lockdown. He went on to file a fresh plea for interim bail, on medical grounds, before the Delhi HC, citing that he is suffering from several chronic ailments and is therefore more vulnerable to the virus if lodged in jail. However, the NIA moved him to Mumbai.

On May 27, Justice Anup J. Bhambhani had pulled up the NIA for acting in "unseemly haste" by taking away Navlakha while he was hearing his bail plea. Within a week of the order, the NIA challenged it before the top court.

# Unlock undoes hard work, clears path for rise in Covid cases, deaths

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THEN Unlock-1.0 was rolled out on June 1, with strict curbs confined to containment zones only. Night-time curfew was relaxed by an hour and places of worship, hotels, restaurants and shopping malls were reopened on June 8.

This seemed to clear the path for a rise in the death rate and it breached the 3% mark again. On June 16, India suffered its highest single day loss of lives with 2,004 dying of the disease.

The data has also revealed that the spike in cases was mainly reported from Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Haryana, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Maharashtra reported the highest caseload in the country -- it was recording on an average nearly 5,000 daily positive cases in the last week of June, although the higher numbers could be seen as a result of increased testing.

Similarly, Delhi also started witnessing a large number of new Covid-19 cases and recorded a daily addition of over 3,000 cases in the last week of June. After the Centre's intervention, the city has been testing between 15,000 and 19,000 samples daily.

While experts said keeping the country in lockdown would never have been sufficient, the question is whether India did enough during the lockdown period to bolster its medical services and infrastructure.

"How long can we stay in the lockdown mode? After all, lockdown will stop the transmission only to a certain extent. As a strategy, it is supposed to help us stagger the infections and prepare the system to respond rapidly. Whether we managed to do that is a separate question," said Dr Oommen John, a public health researcher with the George Institute of Global Health in New Delhi.

Rao echoed John. He said while lockdown by itself is not a solution, the question is whether the lockdown was used to make unlocking safe.

"If you don't use the lockdown, unlocking will always be risky. And that seems to have happened. We did not use the lockdown wisely. Therefore, unlocking is looking increasingly risky now. All our control measures seem to have been at best only partially successful, these probably only delayed rather than averted the pandemic effect," Rao said.

But the June story has not been altogether gloomy. In the beginning of the month, the number of active cases (97008) was more than the number of recovered cases (95744).

This reversed by the end of June and the number of recovered cases exceeded the number of active cases by close to 1.2 lakh. This happened because of ramped-up testing, extensive door-to-door surveys and isolation of areas with a high density of Covid-19 patients.

On June 9, the number of recovered cases breached the total number of active cases by a difference of nearly 1,000. This difference increased progressively and by June-end, there were over 1.5 lakh more recoveries than there were active cases.

The evidence of how India has steadily gained ground in its fight against the novel coronavirus can also be gauged by the recovery rate of active cases since the early days of lockdown in April, when it was 8.2%. By June-end it had touched an all-time high of 59.37%. The steady progress was made thanks to the few states whose recovery was in excess of 70%.

Twelve states/Union Territories, including large states such as Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Odisha, registered a recovery rate of over 70 per cent. Chandigarh came across as the model for the entire country, registering a recovery rate of 82.72%, according to data analysed by this paper.

**Rise in recovery rate**
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**AN IDEA CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE**
A milkman provides milk to customers through a pipe to help maintain social distance in Bikaner on Monday | PTI

## *SC rejects plea alleging bias in listing of cases*

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea alleging bias in listing of cases by its registry officials and imposed a fine of ₹100 on the petitioner. The PIL by lawyer Reepal Kansal alleged that the apex court authorities favoured influential lawyers when it came to listing of matters for hearing.

A bench comprising Arun Mishra and S A Nazeer held that the allegations had no basis. It also questioned the petitioner for raising finger on officials who were working 'day and night' for benefit of lawyers and litigants.

## NHAI to rank highways to improve quality of roads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), with an aim to improve quality of roads, will undertake performance assessment and rank highways across the country.

The criteria for the assessment have been broadly categorised under three main heads — Highway Efficiency (45%), Highway Safety (35%) and User Services (20%). "On the basis of outcome of the assessment, the authority will undertake a comprehensive analysis and decide on the level of intervention required to enhance the overall service quality," a statement added. Other important parameters like operating speed, access control, time taken at toll plaza, road signages, road markings, accident rate, incident response time, crash barriers, illumination and availability of advanced traffic management system (ATMS) will also be considered while conducting the assessment.

The score will provide a feedback and corrective recourse for higher standards of operation, better safety and user experience. This will also help in identifying and filling gaps of design, standards, practices, guidelines and contract agreements for other projects.

**'RESTORE 4G IN J&K'**
The JKNPP on Monday staged a protest here demanding restoration of 4G mobile internet services in J&K and claimed people, especially students, are suffering due to the lack of access to it during the coronavirus crisis

60 COPS ISOLATED AFTER RAPE ACCUSED TESTS +VE IN C'GARH

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# Slain Dy SP 'revealed' don's links with officer

In a letter to CO, Devendra Kumar Mishra on March 14 had alleged that inspector was trying to save Vikas Dubey

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

FRESH revelations are emerging on how wanted criminal Vikas Dubey had penetrated the local police hierarchy. A letter written by a slain police officer says he had alerted the former Kanpur SSP about the dealings between police officer Vinay Tiwari and Dubey.

The letter dated March 14 is doing the rounds on social media. It is purportedly written by Circle Officer (CO) Deputy SP Devendra Kumar Mishra, who was among the martyred policemen during action against the gangster last week.

The slain CO had alleged in the letter that Inspector Tiwari was trying to save the gangster. He had expressed apprehensions that Tiwari's actions could result in some major incident.

Mishra had predicted in the letter that Tiwari's integrity was doubtful.

Sources claimed that though Mishra regularly alerted the authorities, apparently no heed was paid. Police sources said Mishra had urged the SSP to act against Tiwari and set up a preliminary enquiry (PE) against Tiwari eight times. His letter was the ninth attempt to "wake up" the Kanpur police administration.

Questions are now being asked as to why the then SSP did not act against Dubey whom Mishra described as "one of most hardened criminals of the area". Mishra had mentioned in the letter a case lodged against Dubey this year under Section 386 (extortion), and other sections pertaining to threat, intimidation and violence. Mishra claimed that there were 150 criminal cases of heinous nature registered against the gangster.

"He (Dubey) killed a man in Shivli police station. I had instructed SO Chaubeypur to initiate strict action against such a hardened criminal. I have also informed you (SSP) about the criminal and the case," Mishra said in the report.

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>
> Devendra Kumar Mishra

During the review, Mishra said the investigating officer of the case, Sub-Inspector Azhar Ishrat, had dropped Section 386 and mentioned in his report that the case pertained to an old rivalry. While Mishra said he had communicated the lapse and asked for action, Ishrat told him that Tiwari had asked him to drop the charge against Dubey.

The Chaubeypur SO, for the record, was beaten up by Dubey a day before the killing of the cops when he went to Bikru with Rahul Tiwari who had filed a complaint of attempt to murder against the criminal. He hid the incident from his superiors and did not register Rahul's case, which was lodged following intervention of Mishra, the investigation has revealed.

Police personnel at the residence of don Vikas Dubey in Bikaru village | PTI

**Kanpur encounter**
On Friday, eight policemen, including a Deputy SP, were killed when they went into a village in Kanpur in the early hours of Friday to arrest Dubey but instead walked into a trap set by the notorious gangster, who is wanted in over 60 criminal cases

**Bounty of ₹2.5 lakh**
Ever since, Dubey is absconding and police have created several teams to nab him. A bounty of ₹2.5 lakh has also been announced for anyone who gave information about Dubey's whereabouts

## Three more policemen suspended on charges of spying for gangster Dubey

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

Police authorities in Uttar Pradesh on Monday suspended three more policemen charging them with being in regular contact with dreaded don Vikas Dubey, the main accused behind the killing of eight policemen in Kanpur last week.

The three suspensions are in addition to that of Chaubeypur police station in-charge Vinay Tiwari who was suspended on Saturday on suspicion of being the criminal's informer.

The cash reward on the arrest of Vikas Dubey has further been increased to ₹2.5 lakh.

Eight police personnel, including a circle officer in the rank of deputy superintendent of police, three sub-inspectors and four constables were killed during a midnight operation against Vikas Dubey in Bikru village under Chaubeypur police station area in Kanpur last week. Kanpur SSP Dinesh Kumar P said the three suspended policemen included two sub-inspectors -- Kunwar Pal and KK Sharma -- and constable Rajeev of Chaubeypur police station.

The UP police Special Task Force (STF) is investigating the matter along with officers from 40 other police stations. Posters of Dubey have been pasted in many areas. Sources said the role of the suspended policemen has been confirmed in the in-house investigation conducted by the force on the basis of call data recording of the gangster procured by the investigators. The authorities are also contemplating dismissal of the accused policemen.

Kanpur IG Mohit Agarwal said all policemen found to be Dubey's moles would be terminated and that they would also face criminal trial.

Dayashankar Agnihotri, an aide of the absconding gangster, had reportedly admitted that someone from the police had called Dubey and alerted him about the police action.

BJP president J P Nadda addresses a virtual public meeting after paying tribute to Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary, in New Delhi Monday | PTI

# Mamata hinders development: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi/Kolkata

BHARATIYA Janata Party (BJP) chief JP Nadda on Monday told the West Bengal party unit in a virtual rally that it was the duty of the party workers to uproot the ruling Trinamool Congress which, he said, is obstructing the Centre's development works.

"Violence, criminalisation of politics and corruption have scaled new heights. All the time we hear about 'cut money,'" said Nadda.

Cut money – the siphoning of government's financial aid to the members of the ruling Trinamool – was a raging issue in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, which paid the BJP handsome rewards as its tally of LS seats went up to 18 from just two.

The Assembly polls in the state are due next year.

As part of the BJP's digital outreach on the 119th birth anniversary of the party's architect Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Nadda said: "The TMC government is neither fulfilling the regional aspirations nor do the works of the state government reflect the cause of national unity."

"We are proud that our government at the Centre has ensured that Jammu and Kashmir has now become an integral part of the country in the truest sense," said Nadda, while recalling Mukherjee's campaign for one nation, one Constitution and one symbol.

"Bengal used to be a pioneer in the field of education. Now, those who do not have allegiance to the ruling party do not get the credit that they deserve. Even the field of education is not exempted from it. The pride of Bengal has to be restored," said Nadda.

State Education Minister Partha Chatterjee rejected Nadda's allegations. "He tried to mislead the people of Bengal. The BJP can go to any extent. It does not care about distorting history. They want to destroy our culture and tradition," he said.

Nadda accused the state government of trying to end the era of principled politics that Mukherjee lived for.

"The CM does not report Covid-19 cases to the Centre. What kind of federalism is this? She has barred Ayushman Bharat, a healthcare scheme for the poor, in Bengal," he said.

**Violence in Barrackpore**
Barrackpore BJP MP Arjun Singh alleged that his vehicle was vandalised in the presence of police personnel by members of the TMC on Sunday. In retaliation, a TMC office and six bikes were set ablaze, said the police. The incident took place at Halisahar area which had witnessed a largescale violence before and after the Lok Sabha polls.

## Seven tremors send Mizoram into a tizzy

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

MIZORAM is sitting on a ticking time bomb. As construction goes unchecked, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) has warned that this is potentially disastrous.

The warning came after seven earthquakes of small-to-medium magnitude rocked Mizoram in the past 15 days. One of them — of 5.3 magnitude — had damaged houses, buildings, schools, churches, roads, a historical site etc. in Champhai district. The last of them occurred on Sunday.

The northeast falls under seismic Zone 5. It covers areas with the highest-risk zone that suffers earthquakes. Scientist JL Gautam of the NCS said there are many faultlines in the northeast and it is an active zone vis-a-vis earthquakes.

"People should not reside in poor buildings. This is not just in the case of Mizoram, but the entire northeast. Buildings should be constructed adhering to the construction guidelines of Zone 5. Buildings kill people, not earthquakes," Gautam said.

To discuss the issue, the Mizoram government on Monday held a meeting that was chaired by Home Minister Lalchamliana.

"After the series of quakes, people are afraid and nervous now. Many of them are sleeping outside their homes at night. So, we have to help them," CM Zoramthanga said.

## Singh groomed by Pak officials: NIA charge sheet

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE NIA on Monday filed a charge sheet against suspended deputy superintendent of the J&K Police **Davinder Singh** and five others, accusing them of being part of a deep-rooted conspiracy hatched by militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen and Pakistani state agencies to wage war against India.

The arrested police officer was accused of being in touch with officials of the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi

and being groomed by Pakistani officials for obtaining sensitive information.

"The agency has filed a charge sheet against six accused persons, including Syed Naveed Mushtaq alias Naveed Babu (Hizbul deputy chief), Davinder Singh, Irfan Shafi Mir alias advocate, Rafi Ahmad Rather (Hizbul militant), Tanveer Ahmad Wani (ex-LoC trader) and Syed Irfan Ahmad (brother of Naveed Babu), under different sections of the IPC, UAPA, Arms Act and Explosives Substances Act in the NIA Court at Jammu," an NIA spokesman said.

"The probe has revealed that Pakistan-based Hizbul leadership, including its chief Syed Salah-ud-Din, deputy chief Amir Khan, operational head Khursheed Alam, financial head Nazar Mehmood and others, along with Pakistani establishment is extending support to the cadres and commanders of the Hizbul based in J&K," states the charge sheet.

On January 11, the J&K Police had arrested Singh along with Naveecd Babu, Rafi Ahmad Rathern and Irfan Shafi Mir in Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway. The NIA took over investigations of the case on January 17.

## Maharashtra allows hotels to reopen from Wednesday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government has decided to permit the hotels, lodges, guest house to operate from July 8 with 33 per cent capacity.

Maharashtra chief secretary Sanjay Kumar issued the notification on Monday and laid down a standard operation procedure (SoP) for hotels, lodges and guest houses.

The decision came after Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray held a meeting with the association of hotels owners on Sunday where he had assured them of giving the permission to restart their business.

According to the notification, hotels, lodges and guest houses etc. can operate outside the contaminated zones.

"The local corporations and collector can enforce the generic measures to contain the virus spread. Besides, the establishments which are reopening should follow the government guidelines like they should display the preventive measures for the Covid-19 at the prominent portion of the establishment," stated the notification.

> Guests should download the Arogya Setu App. The guest will be allowed entry in the hotel if he is wearing a mask
>
> Govt notification

It added that these establishments should operate with limited capacity. "In these hotels, the asymptomatic guest will be only allowed. Guests should compulsorily download the Arogya Setu App in their phones. The guest will be allowed entry in the hotel if he is wearing a mask or a face cover," it stated.

## Shunned by Maoists over Covid fear, former rebel vows to give up violence

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

LESS than a month ago, short and sturdy Sumitra Cherpa was a dreaded Maoist commander in the conflict zone of Bastar in south Chhattisgarh. But one pandemic has changed the 34-year-old woman's perception about the outlawed organisation she has been associated with for 16 years, when she was forced to leave the outfit on suspicion of contracting the deadly coronavirus.

An active fighter engaged with the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) battalion no-1 of the banned CPI (Maoist) since 2010, was asked to leave the group unceremoniously after she had caught a cold and fever in mid-June. She left for her village in strife-torn Bijapur district where the Bastar Police nabbed her following the local inputs. The police then arranged for her health check-up, medical test and sent her to a local quarantine centre. Call it a blessing in disguise, Sumitra tested negative. The police accepted Sumitra's offer to surrender under the rehabilitation policy of the state government.

Ex-Maoist fighter Sumitra Cherpa being given an initial monetary incentive | EXPRESS

"Sumitra was apprehended from the jungle of Pedankawali village under suspicious condition. During interrogation, she revealed her strong association with the armed wing," said inspector general of police (Bastar zone) Sunderraj P.

"The senior rebels had apprehended that she might spread the infection among other cadres," added Sunderraj.

"With her recent experience, her attitude towards the security forces and the local administration have changed. Now, she realises the hollowness in the Maoist's ideology," he said.

## Jewellery house slapped biggest FEMA notice

KOLKATA: The ED has slapped a show-cause notice of ₹7,220 crore under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) on a Kolkata-based jewellery house for allegedly indulging in illegal foreign exchange. It is the biggest FEMA show-cause notice, said an ED official.

"Armed with an order issued by the adjudicating authority of the FEMA, ED charged M/S Shree Ganesh Jewellery House (I) Ltd, its promoters and others for resorting to unauthorised foreign exchange dealings, holding of foreign exchange outside India, wilfully siphoning off ₹7,220 crore as export proceeds," said the official. Investigation conducted under FEMA has revealed that the promoters are serial offenders. *ENS*

### Taj Mahal to remain closed till further orders

While all major historical monuments across the nation opened on Monday, the Taj Mahal and other world-famous monuments in Agra would not reopen till further orders. These monuments come under the buffer zone areas outside the containment zone in the district. Agra DM Prabhu N Singh said at present there are 71 active containment zones in the city. Taj Mahal and other monuments fall in the buffer zone.

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### Baby gharials in Yamuna after a decade

Ghariyals have chosen in a big way to nest and breed in the Yamuna almost after a decade. The ghariyals nested and laid eggs in Bhaupura of Etawah, near 30 km upstream of Yamuna. The eggs hatched a few days later and the infants swam towards the Yamuna along with the whole clan. The appearance of the baby ghariyals has left environmentalists and wildlife enthusiasts pleasantly surprised. According to reports, 43 baby ghariyals made their way to the river on June 15, drawing a massive crowd of onlookers. To protect them, a team of forest guards and volunteers has been deployed for round the clock monitoring. In 2011, ghariyals had ventured in the Yamuna near Harour village for breeding for the first time.

### Live aarti, prayers mark Guru Purnima

The Ramakrishna Math in Lucknow live-streamed the morning aarti and other rituals performed especially for Guru Purnima. The aarti was streamed live on its YouTube channel on Sunday helping the devotees be a witness and a part of the celebrations. The day began with a 'mangal aarti' at 4.30 am and was followed by Vedic chanting, special prayers, a 'havan', 'pushpanjali' and devotional songs. While several devotees attended the live session, many others thronged the Math to offer prayers and flowers. Guru Purnima happens to be the birth anniversary of Ved Vyasa, the author of the epic Mahabharata.

### UP plants 25 crore saplings in a single day

UP accomplished its target of planting 25 crore saplings during Van Mahotsav in a single day. The state authorities planted 25 crore saplings across the state on Sunday- the fifth day of the week-long Van Mahotsav. CM Yogi Adityanath led the 'Plantation Mission 2020' by planting Harishankari saplings at the Kukrail reserve forest. So far, 25.87 crore saplings have been planted during the Mahotsav. Authorities said all 75 districts exceeded the target assigned to them during the mission. Sonbhadra planted a maximum of 82 lakh saplings followed by Lakhimpur Kheri (over 67 lakh) and Prayagraj (over 56 lakh). Unnao achieved a success rate of 114% by planting over 55 lakh trees.

## Phase 3

Regeneron said it was entering the late stages of its human clinical trials for its REGN-COV2 drug

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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# China slams Britain's move to offer citizenship to 3 mn Hong Kongers

Comments come as HK govt tells schools to remove 'illegal' books

**BEIJING**

THE Chinese ambassador to Britain accused Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday of meddling in China's affairs by offering citizenship to 3 million people from Hong Kong following the imposition of a national security law.

Ambassador Liu Xiaoming defended his country's new national security law against accusations it's aimed at eroding Hong Kong's considerable autonomy and curbing dissent. Liu pointed out that the U.K. handed control of the city that was a British colony for more than a century back to Beijing in 1997.

"This move constitutes a gross interference in China's internal affairs and openly tramples on the basic norms governing international relations," the ambassador said of the British citizenship offer, adding that the Chinese side has expressed "its great concern and strong opposition."

Johnson introduced the new visa and citizenship route for certain Hong Kong residents last week after deciding China had committed a "clear and serious breach" of the Sino-British Joint Declaration that set out the transition when Hong Kong was returned to China.

Johnson's Downing Street office also urged China not to interfere if Hong Kong residents who are eligible to reside and seek citizenship in the U.K. want to come and said the government was "also reviewing extradition arrangements with Hong Kong."

Liu Xiaoming, the Chinese ambassador to the United Kingdom | AFP

The conflict over Britain's response to developments in Hong Kong has soured relations with China, the world's second-largest economy, at a time when Johnson's government wants new trading relationships following the U.K.'s exit from the European Union.

**Slogans illegal**

The national security law China imposed last week makes secessionist, subversive, or terrorist activities illegal, as well as foreign intervention in the city's internal affairs. Activities such as shouting slogans or holding up banners and flags calling for the city's independence are violations of the law.

China argues the measure was needed to quell lawlessness and rioting. But there are signs the law is chilling free speech in Hong Kong after the city's public libraries pulled books written by pro-democracy figures from shelves.

On Monday, Hong Kong's government ordered schools to review and remove any books that might breach the sweeping national security law. *AP*

### FB, WhatsApp halt user info requests from HK govt

Hong Kong: Facebook and WhatsApp said Monday they are suspending requests from the Hong Kong government and law enforcement authorities for information on users. The pause will take place "pending further assessment" of a new national security law imposed on Hong Kong by China, and would include "formal human rights due diligence and consultations with human rights experts", a spokesman said in a statement. Digital rights group ProPrivacy called Facebook's move "a win for both digital privacy and human rights in the region." However it noted the move could lead to WhatsApp being blocked in Hong Kong.

## China detains professor who panned Xi over virus response

**BEIJING**

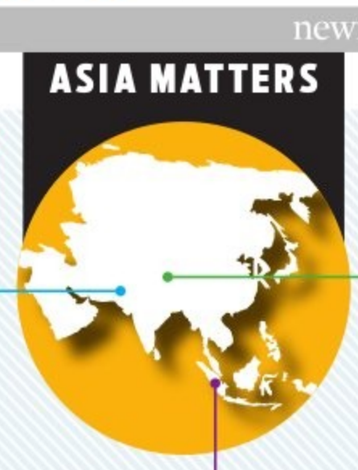
CHINESE authorities on Monday detained a law professor who published essays criticising President Xi Jinping over the coronavirus pandemic and accusing him of ruling "tyrannically", according to friends of the man.

Xu Zhangrun, a rare outspoken critic of the government in China's heavily censored academia, was taken from his home in Beijing by more than 20 people.

Xu published an essay in February blaming the culture of deception and censorship fostered by Xi for the spread of the coronavirus in China.

China's "leader system is itself destroying the structure of governance", Xu wrote in the essay that appeared on overseas websites, adding the chaos in Hubei province reflected systemic problems in the Chinese state. China is "led by one man only, but this man is in the dark and rules tyrannically, with no method for governance, though he is skilled at playing with power, causing the entire country to suffer," Xu wrote. *AFP*

## ASIA MATTERS



**PAKISTAN**

### Khan's aide on health affairs tests positive

Dr Zafar Mirza said on Monday that he was tested positive for the novel coronavirus, becoming the latest senior minister in the country to be hit by the deadly virus. Mirza, the special assistant to the prime minister on health services, said that he was experiencing "mild symptoms" and was taking all precautions. Mirza had been at the forefront of the government's response to the pandemic and briefed the media on a daily basis about the situation. On Friday, Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said that he has tested positive for the coronavirus disease and quarantined himself. Qureshi is the Vice President of ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party.

**INDONESIA**

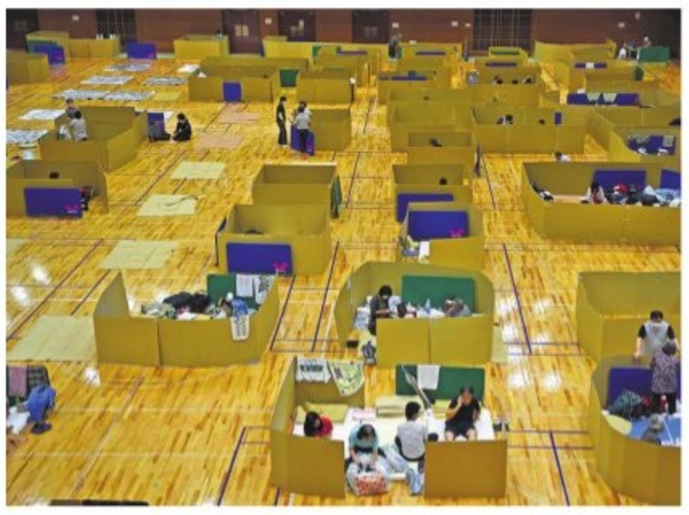
### Bali eyes September opening for foreign tourists

Bali says foreign tourists will be allowed to return by September as the Indonesian holiday island scrambles to repair its crippled vacation sector -- even as cases mount. The island will re-open beaches, temples and other tourism spots for domestic visitors by the end of July, the governor said Sunday, and welcome foreign holidaymakers from September 11.

**NEPAL**

### Party meeting on PM Oli deferred to Wednesday

Nepal's embattled Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli on Monday held another round of talks with the ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP) executive chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' to sort out their differences as the party's crucial Standing Committee meeting was once again postponed till Wednesday, in a bid to provide them more time to agree on a power-sharing deal. The meeting of the ruling party's 45-member powerful Standing Committee was scheduled to be held on Monday. But it was postponed at the last minute. The future of Oli will now be decided on Wednesday during the Standing Committee meeting.



Local residents rest at a shelter in Yatsushiro city's gym in Kumamoto | AFP

# Japan's flood toll increases to 40

**KUMAMOTO**

The death toll from three days of heavy rain and flooding in southern Japan rose to 40 on Monday, including 14 who drowned at a riverside nursing home, as rescuers searched for 10 missing people and rain threatened wider areas of the main island of Kyushu, officials said.

Army troops and other rescuers worked their way through mud and debris along the flooded Kuma River, where many houses and buildings were submerged nearly to their roofs.

The Meteorological Agency issued the highest weather warning for three prefectures in northern Kyushu after heavy rain hit the island's southern region over the weekend.

Over half a million people were advised to evacuate across Kyushu, including riverside towns in Kumamoto city where 40 bodies were recovered. The evacuation was not mandatory and many people are believed to have opted to stay at home because of concerns over catching the virus, even though officials said shelters were adequately equipped with partitions and other safety measures.

The dead included 14 of the 65 elderly residents of the nursing home next to the Kuma River, which is known as the "raging river" because it is joined by another river just upstream and is prone to flooding. The river rose abruptly and its embankment gave in, causing floodwaters to gush into the nursing home, where most of the residents were bedridden or wheelchair users. *AP*

**SHOCKER**

## Driver refuses bus riders sans masks, hit till he's brain dead

**BAYONNE**

A bus driver in France was declared brain dead on Monday after being attacked by several people he refused to let aboard because they were not wearing face masks as required during the virus outbreak.

A police source in Bayonne, near the ritzy Atlantic resort of Biarritz in southwestern France, said one person was in custody and other suspects were being sought.

The individuals tried to board the bus on Sunday night without tickets or masks, which are mandatory on public transport across France.

When the driver, in his 50s, tried to prevent their entry he was repeatedly punched in an assault that resulted in serious head injury.

He was unconscious when brought to hospital, and doctors declared him brain dead on Monday, the police source said.

Regional bus services were disrupted Monday after several of the driver's colleagues refused to work in protest against the brutal attack. *AFP*

## *Despite Trump's campaign vow, the swamp is alive and well*

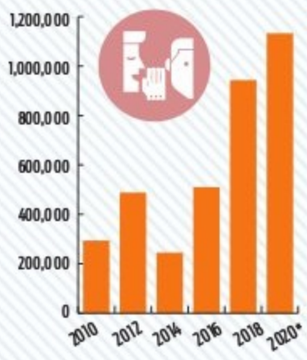
**Forty** lobbyists with ties to US President Donald Trump helped clients secure more than $10 billion in federal coronavirus aid, according to a report

**WHO ARE THESE LOBBYISTS**

The lobbyists identified Monday by the watchdog group Public Citizen either worked in the Trump executive branch, served on his campaign, were part of the committee that raised money for inaugural festivities or were part of his presidential transition. Many are donors to Trump's campaigns, and some are prolific fundraisers for his reelection

**85% INCREASE IN LOBBYISTS' CONTRIBUTIONS FROM 2016 TO 2018**

Personal contributions from Trump-connected lobbyists, numbers in $




**97%** of the contributions have gone to the GOP

*Source: Public Citizen, Center for Responsive Politics & FEC*

**2020 data is partial*

**KEY LOBBYISTS**

**BRIAN BALLARD**

Served in the presidential transition in 2017 & is the finance chair for the Republican National Committee

**$1 mn** he has bundled (raised funds) for Trump's committees

**WHAT HE DID**

Lobbyied for Laundrylux, a supplier of commercial laundry machines, after the government issued guidance that didn't include laundromats as essential businesses that could stay open

A week later, the administration issued new guidance adding laundromats to the list

**DAVE URBAN**

A Trump adviser and confidant. Trump regularly seeks guidance from Urban, as per media reports

**$2.3 mn** in lobbying fees he has collected this year

**WHAT HE DID**

He has represented 44 lobbying clients this year, 15 of whom paid him to lobby on coronavirus issues *Text: AP*

**TRUMP'S OWN RULES BROKEN**

Shortly after Trump took office, he issued an executive order prohibiting former administration officials from lobbying the agency or office where they were formerly employed, for a period of five years. Another section of the order forbids lobbying the administration by former political appointees for the remainder of Trump's time in office


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandam of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting / Extra ordinary general Meeting held on 03.06.2020 to enable the company to change its Registered office from "State of Karnataka" to "State of Kerala". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the **MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing Investor complaint form** or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the address 5th Floor, Shasthri Bhawan,26, Haddows Road, Chennai-600006 within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address: XIV/485, Ramnivas, Udayana puram, Valkom, Kottayam-686143, Kerala.

For and on behalf of the
Midsun Pharmaceuticals Private Ltd. Room No: 104, Site No: A-20, D. Devaraja Urs Truck Terminal, Industrial Suburb, Yeshwanthpur
Dt: 03.04.2020 Bangalore 560022, Karnataka,
Place:Bangalore

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client has intended to purchase the Schedule Property from the present owner **Mr. Ajay Joseph,** S/o. Lt. Col. K. T.Joseph, r/at No.783, 4th Block, Kora -mangala, Agara, Bangalore-560034.The said owner has represented that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and apart from him, there is no other person/s, having any right, title or interest over the Schedule Property. He further represented that the Schedule Property has not been mortgaged or charged to anybody else by him to any third person/s or financial institutions. Any person/s, having any claim, interest or right over the Schedule Property may contact or write to the undersigned with documentary proof to substantiate such claim/s or interest **within seven (7) days** from the date of this publication. In the absence of any such claim or objection within the stipulated time, it will be construed that there is no one having any claims or objection on the Schedule Property and my client will proceed with the sale transaction.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of western portion of **Site No.9** and eastern portion of **Site No.10,** carved out of Sy. No.150, situated at **Vibuthipura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** now coming under the limits of BBMP of Vibhuthi -pura Ward, presently known as **5th Cross, L.B. Shastry Nagar, Bangalore** having BBMP Khatha No.627/150/9,10,11,measuring East to West:30 Feet and North to South:55 Feet totally measuring 1650 Square Feet and bounded on the:

**East by:** Property of Lt. Col. K. T. Joseph,
**West by:** Remaining portion of Site No. 10,
**North by:** Private Property.
**South by:** Road

**H. NAGESH - Advocate,**
No.46, 'Z' Plaza,2nd Main,Opposite to Anand Co-Operative Bank, Sheshadripuram. Bangalore-20.M:9902201565
Bangalore Date: 06.07.2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

One of my client intends to purchase Industrially converted Sy No.293/1 (Old Sy No.293, Earlier Sy No.20 & 20/P3), situated at Banniguppe Village, Arohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk measuring 1 Acre i.e., 43,560 sq ft., bounded on East by: Harohalli boundary & Road, West by: Partly by Sy No.292 belonging to Manjunath & partly by KIADB Plot No.276P, North by: Old Sy No.292 now KIADB Plot no.280, South by: Property of Harish & Ananda Kumar from Smt.Shylaja W/o.late Krishnappa S/o.late Thimmappa and her children Anju Kumar K and Gagan K, all residing at No.63, Kanakapura Main Road, Byrasandra, Bangalore South, Tataguni, Bangalore-560 062.

Anyone claiming any right with respect to the above property and has objections for proposed sale, may object in writing with evidence in support of their claims within 15 days from the date of this Publication.

**Mr. H.S.DWARAKANATH,** Advocate
At No.24, IV Model House Street
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004"

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL, that my client is intend to purchase the property mentioned infra from his owners ANIL KUMAR.R. & ARUN KUMAR.R. BOTH SONS OF LATE K.RAVINDRAN. If any person has any kind of right, claim on the schedule property, they may file the same with me along with documentary proof thereof, under regd. post with a/d within 10 days of this publication. In the event , such claims are not lodged with us within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any claim/s and my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property without being liable for any claim put forth thereafter.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

HOUSE PROPERTY SITE NO.64, FORMED IN SY. NO.101, KATHA NO.1988, OLD NO.462, II MAIN ROAD, N.R.LAYOUT, F.C.I. ROAD, VIJINANAPURA , BANGALORE- 560 016, K.R.PURAM HOBLI, BANGALORE EAST TALUK, MEASURING 30 X 40 FEET and bounded on the EAST BY : SITE NO.65, WEST BY : SITE NO.63, NORTH BY : 25 FEET ROAD & SOUTH BY: SITE NO.67 & consisting of 1100 sq. ft. R.C.C. roofed house.

**BASAVARAJU .B.N,** Advocate,
No. 51, Brundavana, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Raghavanagara, BANGALORE-560 026.
Ph.No.9845954200/9868379206

**PUBLIC NOTICE-AUCTION CUM SALE OF PROPERTIES**

**Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Under Rule 8 sub-rule 6 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Asset Reconstruction Company India Ltd (Arcil)** an Asset Reconstruction Company registered with Reserve Bank of India under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act,2002. **Arcil** has acquired from the Karnataka Bank Limited the below mentioned financial assets and has acquired the rights of the Secured Creditor. The assets will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** as per the brief particulars given hereunder. The properties are to be sold for recovery of the outstanding dues against the Borrower(s) as mentioned herein below:

| Sr. No. | Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Guarantor | Trust Name | Type, Size and Nature of Property | Total dues Outstanding in INR (As on 03.06.2020) | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR | Reserve Price in INR | Date of Inspection | Date and Time of Auction | Type of Possession |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **M/s. Shakunthala Prakashan (P) Ltd., Represented by its Managing Director, Directors & Guarantors Mr. Shivasharanappa Walli, Mr. Mallikarjuna Walli, Mr. Deepak Wali, Mr. Rajnish Wali, Mr. Aravinda Wali & Co-Obligant / Mortgagor Mr. M.V.Salimutt (Since Deceased Represented by his LR'S a) Mrs. Umadevi, b) Sheela Hiremath, c) Mr. Somashekar & d) Mr. Jagadish** | Arcil-AARF-II-Trust-Scheme1 Series V | Flat: 1025 Sq.ft (SBUA) Freehold | 10,23,48,151/- | 3,45,000/- | 34,50,000/- | 15/07/2020 & 22/07/2020 between 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM (Note: Date and Time of inspection may be changed in view of COVID-19 situation) | 29/07/2020 at 3.00 PM | Physical |

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** **Schedule 'A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Municipal Nos. 11 & 12, (New Nos.11/1 & 12/1) Magadi Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore -560 079, together with undivided share of 0.28% or 340.11 sq.ft inclusive of common areas out of total area admeasuring 1,21,470 Sq.ft **and bounded on the East by:** Drain and balance property belonging to M/s. Subadra Textile Private Limted, and measuring on that side 459.sq.ft and 2 inches; **West by:** Balance portion of the property belonging to M/s. Subadra Textile Private Limited and measuring on that side 431ft and 2 ½ inches; **North by:** Balance portion of property belonging M/s.Subadra Textile Private Limited and measuring on that side 203 sq ft and 6 inches; **South by:** Magadi Main Road and measuring on that side 359ft and 11 inches. **Schedule 'B' Property:** Apartment No.502, (New Municipal No. 12/1/1993) having a super built up area of 1025 Sq.ft situates at 5th Floor, in 'E' Block of multi storied apartment Viz 'RAHEJA PARK', with Nil car parking on the Schedule 'A' Property **and bounded on the:- North by:** Flat No.507; **South by:** Flat No.503; **East by:** Balcony; **West by:** Flat Nos.504 & 500.

**Important Information regarding Auction Process**

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| 1 | Auction Date | As prescribed herein above | 5 | Last date for Submission of EMD | Same day 2 hours before Auction |
| 2 | Place for Submission of Bids and Place of Auction | Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, Kedia Arcade, No.92, Infantry Road, Bangalore 560 001. | 6 | All payments including EMD to be made by way of Online / Electronic Mode only RTGS / NEFT payable to: Note: No Cash, Cheque or DD will be accepted | **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. A/c No.02912320000561, Bank Name: HDFC Bank Ltd. IFSC Code: HDFC0000291, Bank Branch Address: Ground Floor, Express Tower, Landmark- Next to Air India Building, Nariman Point Mumbai-400021 Maharashtra** |
| | Bid can also be submitted online to: madan.kumar@arcil.co.in kamal.mishra@arcil.co.in | (Online or in person, depends upon Covid19 situation) | | | |
| 3 | Web-Site For Auction | www.arcil.co.in | | | |
| 4 | Contact Persons with Phone Number | Mr. Madan kumar.R - 9962555312 (Bangalore), Mr. Kamal Mishra - 9819820760 (Mumbai). | | | |

A bidder may, on his own choice, avail the facility of online participation in the auction by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/tender document on the website address mentioned herein above. Online bidding will take place at website of organisation as mentioned herein above, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms & Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from our website **www.arcil.co.in** or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of Arcil as stated above. Please note that sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions as stated in the Bid Document. Sale is strictly subject to terms and conditions incorporated in this advertisement and the prescribed Bid/Tender Document. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any/all bids without assigning any reason. This notice is also to be treated as a 15 days notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

**Date: 07-07-2020**
**Place: Bengaluru / Bidar**

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**PUBLIC CUM CAUTION NOTICE**

This is to inform the General Public that **Sri. P. Suri Babu S/o Sri. P. Suraiah,** aged about 72 years, residing at No. 624, 3rd Block, 9th cross, 4th main, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097, is the absolute owner and in possession of the schedule property.

Whereas the said Sri. P. Suri Babu has lost the original of the **Sale deed** registered as Document no.7684/1995-96, in Book1, volume no.5457, at pages 148 to 150, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, dated 30.01.1996, pertaining to the schedule property. Accordingly, Sri. P. Suri Babu has reported a police complaint in the jurisdictional Police station/on line on 22.06.2020, however the same could not be traced till now. Any person/s who finds the above said document, may kindly handover the same to the address mentioned below. It is cautioned to the general public that any person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, financial institutions, judicial authorities dealing with the said property based on the lost original document shall proceed at their own risk.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the Building site demarcated as Site no. F-1236 in the Layout Plan approved by Bengaluru Development Authority in Survey No's. 53/1, 53/2, 54, 56/2, 57 to 62/1, 62/2, 62/3, 62/4, 62/6, 80/4, 82/1, 82/2, and 82/3, 175, 187, 189 to 191, situated in **Herohalli village (Magadi Road), Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,** Site measuring East 12.20 mtrs West 12.20 mtrs. North 18.30 mtrs, South 18.30 mtrs totally, 223.26 Sq mtrs. and bounded on

**East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No. 157,
**North by :** Site No. 125, **South by :** Site No. 127.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client, MR. SURESH.T, S/o. Sri. Thimmaiah, residing at No.265, 15th 'D' Cross, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, Near Chaitanya Techno School, WOC Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru - 560 086 is intending to purchase the property described in the schedule below from SMT. KALAVATHI, W/o. Late. V.S..Bhaskar residing at No.1217, 11th 'B' Cross, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru – 560 086 with the consent of MR. HARISH KUMAR.P and MS. KAMALA.P. The said Smt. Kalavathi claims that she is the absolute owner in possession of the Schedule Property and the same is free from all encumbrances, charges, claims or demands of whatsoever nature.

Any person/s having objection to the said transaction may lodge their objection/s supported by cogent documents with the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS from the date of this notice. If no objection/s is/are raised within the said period, my client will go ahead with the sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Property deeming there is/are no objection/s to the same.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

ALL THAT piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **New Municipal Katha No.1097**, PID No.14-74-1097, situated within the limits of BBMP Ward No.14 (Nagpura), West of Chord Road 2nd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru measuring East to West: **(69+76)/2 ft.** and North to South: **(62+61)/2 ft.**, totally measuring **4458.75 Sq. ft.** together with G+2 upper floor RCC roofed residential building with all civic amenities which is bounded on:

East by : Property No.1096; West by : 13th Main Road; North by : Property No.1098; South by : 10th 'C' Cross Road.

**Mr. V.C. Chandan,** Advocate,
No.48, 'Mathrushree Nilaya', 3rd Main Road, 2nd Phase, Manjunathanagar, Bengaluru - 560 010.

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**VEHICLE COVER**

**BUS, CAR OPERATORS' BODY SEEKS EXTENSION OF INSURANCE VALIDITY**

New Delhi: Transport operators' body Bus & Car Operators Confederation of India (BOCI) has written to insurance regulator IRDAI, requesting extension of vehicle insurance validity as the sector faces multiple issues such as fuel price hikes, reduced capacity due to social distancing norms, loan EMIs, taxes and insurance premiums, among others. "We urge Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India and the government to extend vehicle insurance validity equal to the number of lockdown days from the date of expiry without additional premium and no increase in annual premium for next one year," BOCI President Prasanna said.

**DR REDDY'S**

**COVID-19 RELATED UNCERTAINTIES MAY CONTINUE IN CURRENT FISCAL**

New Delhi: Though there was no major impact of the Covid-19 pandemic during the last financial year, Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd has said the company may face some uncertainties in the current financial year. "Overall, there was no major impact of the pandemic on either in Q4 FY20 or the full year FY20. Equally, there is no denying that we may face many Covid-19 related uncertainties in FY21," K Satish Reddy, chairman, and GV Prasad, co-chairman and MD, said in their letter to shareholders. Earlier, the drug maker also said that the dependence on China for the supply of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) will change in future.

**CHEAPER LOANS**

**CANARA BANK, KVB AND BANK OF MAHARASHTRA CUT MCLR ON LOANS**

New Delhi: Canara Bank and Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) have announced a cut in their marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) across all tenors by 10 basis points and 20 basis points, respectively, with effect from July 7. Following the cut, the benchmark one-year MCLR of Canara Bank and BoM will be 7.55 per cent and 7.5 per cent, respectively. BoM, in a statement, said it has reduced its MCLR consecutively for the fourth month. Karur Vysya Bank has also slashed MCLR in two tenors by 5-15 basis points with effect from July 7. The overnight and one-year MCLR have been revised to 8 per cent and 9 per cent, respectively.

### MARKET WATCH

**MARKET**
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# Economy to shrink 4.5% in FY21, says FinMin

Cites the IMF to predict GDP outlook for the fiscal, but also notes that some sectors are showing early signs of revival

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @New Delhi

A perusal of the Union Ministry of Finance's monthly macroeconomic report for June 2020 makes it clear that the Covid-19 pandemic has had a severe impact, adding to the miseries of the previous fiscal.

While the report cites the IMF to predict a 4.5 per cent contraction in India's GDP in FY21 and notes that government revenues have been hit hard, it also notes that there are green shoots in a few activities. These are power and petroleum consumption, highway transport activity, and retail financial transactions.

According to the report, electricity consumption saw lower contraction in growth rates — from (-)24 per cent in April to (-) 15.2 per cent in May to (-) 11.3 per cent in June (till June 28). Total assessable value of E-Way bills rose 130 per cent in May 2020 (₹8.98 lakh crore) compared to April 2020 (₹3.9 lakh crore), though still below pre-lockdown levels. The value of E-Way bills generated between June 1 and 28 stood at ₹11.4 lakh crore.

Petroleum consumption has increased by 47 per cent in May compared to April, and the year-on-year contraction was "much smaller at (-)23.2 per cent in May as against (-)45.7 per cent in April". "Average daily electronic toll collections increased from ₹8.25 crore in April to ₹36.84 crore in May, rising more than 4 times. In the first four weeks of June, it has improved further to ₹50.9 crore.

Total digital Retail financial transactions via NPCI platforms increased sharply from 6.71 lakh crore in April to ₹9.65 lakh crore in May. The trend is expected to continue in June driven by a sustained pick-up in real activity," the report said.

**GREEN SHOOTS**

47% — May saw an increase in petroleum consumption

9.6 L cr — Total digital retail financial transaction

Centre's gross market borrowings rose 51 per cent year-on-year till June 19

**Economy to contract**

However, it cites the IMF's World Economic Outlook to note that all regions across the world are projected to experience negative growth in 2020, for the first time in history. "While advanced economies are projected to contract by 8 per cent in 2020, 1.9 percentage points lower than the April forecast, growth in emerging market and developing economies has been forecast at (-) 3 per cent, a downward revision of two percentage points," it noted, adding, "In line with downward revision of global growth, India's growth has been forecast at (-) 4.5 per cent in 2020, a 6.4 percentage point downward revision compared to the April 2020 forecast".

**Revenue hit hard**

The pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns, have had a substantial impact on government revenues in April and May 2020. "Revenue receipts registered a negative growth of 68.9 per cent, led by negative growth in Personal Income Tax, all indirect taxes and non tax revenue. Corporation tax registered a massive growth of 1,408.1 per cent over May 2019 and stood at 2.5 per cent of BE. Personal Income Tax stood at 5.6 per cent of BE compared to 10.6 per cent till May 2019.

Non-Tax revenue upto May 2020 turned out to be less than 62 per cent of the level till May 2019," the report said. As for expenditure side, the capital expenditure rose by 15.7 per cent relative to May last year, whereas revenue expenditure fell 1.9 per cent over May 2019 and stood at 17.4 per cent of budget estimates. Consequently, the Centre's gross market borrowings up to June 19 stood at ₹2,82,000 crore, 51 per cent higher than last year — net borrowings were 12.3 per cent higher. States too, continued to be active borrowers.

**STRESSED LOANS**

- Before the onset of Covid-19, debt worth of ₹2.54 lakh crore was estimated to turn delinquent till FY22
- Post slippages, the overall delinquency is worth to be ₹4.21 lakh crore, comprising about 18.2 per cent of the corporate debt

# Delinquencies in corporate sector to touch ₹1.7 L cr

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THE Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent severe economic fallout may result in a large rise in the number of corporate delinquencies, note India Ratings and Research.

According to the ratings agency, the pandemic is likely to lead to ₹1.67 lakh crore in unpaid debt among the top 500 corporates in India as many turn delinquent by March 2022. This would take the cumulative quantum of corporate delinquencies to ₹4.21 lakh crore or about 11 per cent of overall debt.

The ratings agency also stated that there have been marked concerns over the banking system's asset quality in the wake of the pandemic and the RBI's six-month moratorium extended as a relief has resulted in much of this stress not yet being recognised. The pandemic and the associated policy response will result in additional stressed loans worth ₹1.67 lakh crore from the top 500 debt-heavy private borrowers as many become delinquent. "Before the onset of the pandemic, debt worth of ₹2.54 lakh crore was estimated to turn delinquent till FY22," it noted, adding that the additional ₹1.67 lakh crore due to the pandemic will take the overall delinquency to ₹4.21 lakh crore. This will constitute 18.21 per cent of the corporate sector's debt, up from the current 11.57 per cent of debt which is considered as stressed. Post slippages, incremental stress and loss given default, the agency noted that credit costs due to increased provisioning will rise to a substantial 3.57 per cent of the debt.

But, if markets continue to exhibit heightened risk aversion, it is possible that another ₹1.68 lakh crore of corporate debt would fall into the stressed category, resulting in ₹5.89 lakh crore of corporate debt turning stressed by FY22. Credit costs would rise to 4.82 per cent of the system debt in this case, it noted. This excess demand for fresh credit is expected to be serviced through a mix of receivable financing and drawdown of unutilised bank limits.

**ACQUISITION**

# Paytm set to foray into general insurance biz

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FINANCIAL technology platform Paytm, owned by One 97 Communications, and its CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma will acquire Raheja QBE General Insurance for $76 million (₹570 crore). The deal is subject to regulatory approvals from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). If approved, the acquisition will Paytm to sell its own insurance products and develop into a full-fledged financial services company.

Rehaja QBE, a Mumbai-based general insurer, which started operations in 2009, is a joint venture with 51 per cent stake with Prism Johnson and 49 per cent ownership with QBE Australia. The strategic acquisition will be through QorQl Pvt. Ltd, a technology company in which Vijay Shekhar Sharma is a mjority shareholder and the remaining stake is held by Paytm, the company said in a statement.

"It's an important milestone in Paytm's financial services journey. Raheja QBE General Insurance's strong management team will help us accelerate our journey of taking insurance to the large population of India," Paytm president Amit Nayyar, said.

Paytm already has a broking license which allows subsidiary Paytm Insurance Broking to market and sell products in partnership with licenced insurers. This deal would enable the firm to "democratise general insurance for driving financial inclusion".

**Our decision to sell our entire stake of 51% in Raheja QBE is in line with our mission to create sustainable shareholder value and will enable us to focus on our core businesses**

Vijay Agarwal, MD, Prism Johnson

"Paytm has a large consumer base for its digital payments and financial services offerings. It has also built an extensive merchant ecosystem empowering them with end-to-end business solutions. The insurance company would leverage this network to build innovative insurance products to accelerate its reach and adoption," it added.

In a regulatory filing, Prism Johnson said that the sale is expected to be completed by March 31, 2021. "Our decision to sell our stake in Raheja QBE will help the insurance business scale up to new heights," said Vijay Aggarwal, managing director, Prism Johnson.

# Apollo Tyres to cut capex this fiscal, conserves cash to survive Covid-19

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @New Delhi

HOMEGROWN tyre-maker Apollo Tyres has decided to cut its capital expenditure (capex) by ₹400 crore this fiscal owing to the coronavirus outbreak and its impact on the business.

"Given the overall demand situation, we have cut back on capex to the tune of another ₹400 crore in 2020-21 to make sure that we are not stressed from a cash flow or a liquidity perspective," Apollo Tyres Chief Financial Officer Gaurav Kumar said in an analyst call. The company has also taken a cut in the capex investment across its European operations

The company had earlier earmarked a capex of around ₹1,400-1,500 crore for its domestic operations for the current financial year. Now, that figure would be about somewhere between ₹1,000 and ₹1,100 crore.

**Sales decline likely**

The company said that it expects to see a decline in sales during FY21, as compared to FY20, because the original equipment business is still fairly weak

On the outlook for the current financial year, Kumar said, "In the current times, very difficult to give you an outlook for the full year. We have been just in a couple of weeks since partial lifting of the lock down and we have been surprised positively by the extent of recovery in the replacement market." It, however,, expects to see sales decline in FY21 as compared to FY20, because the original equipment business is still looking fairly weak and there is no promising outlook as well. All its plants have begun operations and are at lower levels of utilisation as expected, but they are gradually ramping up. "While April was hardly any sales..., May is looking promising. We expect to be about 50 per cent of normal. And if the business climate, continue to move toward more and more normalcy, then June should be even better," he said.

# Oil PSUs to invest ₹60,000 cr in projects this year: Ministry

**As on July 1, work on 859 projects worth about ₹3.57 lakh crore involving in refinery, exploration and production, city gas distribution and in the entire value chain of oil and gas is going on in full swing**

Oil ministry statement

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @New Delhi

THE Union petroleum ministry on Monday said that state-run oil sector public enterprises like oil and gas explorer ONGC and marketing giant Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) will be investing a cumulative ₹3.57 lakh crore in total on various projects over the next few years. Of this, ₹60,000 crore is planned to be spent this fiscal year alone.

For the period between April and June, more than 48.96 lakh man-days of employment have been generated in the execution of these oil and gas projects, the ministry said, adding that ₹1,395 crore has been disbursed to workers as pay during this period. According to the government, more than 9.74 crore man-days of employment is expected to be generated from the completion of these projects, of which more than 3.5 crore man-days of employment is expected to be generated in FY21 alone.

These projects are to be undertaken across the entire hydrocarbon value chain and will enhance energy accessibility, create jobs and boost the economy, the ministry said. In a series of tweets, it added that Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan reviewed ongoing oil and gas projects started by PSUs since the resumption of economic activities from April 20".

"As on July 1, work on 859 projects worth about ₹3.57 lakh crore involving in refinery, exploration and production, marketing infrastructure, pipelines, city gas distribution network and in the entire value chain of oil and gas is going on in full swing," the statement said, "Out of the total anticipated cost of these projects more than ₹60,000 crore will be spent in FY21."

## Business & Beyond

### New CGM for Canara Bank Chennai Circle

P Palanisamy has assumed charge as Chief General Manager of Canara Bank's Chennai Circle. The Chennai Circle has under its jurisdiction 742 branches spread across 20 districts in Tamil Nadu and two districts in Pondicherry. The bank is implementing various relief measures like extending Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line loans to the MSME sector and business enterprises as well to the pandemic-hit MSMEs, agricultural, corporate, and retail clients to overcome the financial strain.

### SBI Chennai circle donates 5,000 mask sets

On the occasion of Foundation Day, state-run State Bank of India (SBI) Chennai Circle donated 5,000 sets of masks, hand gloves and sanitisers to Greater Chennai Corporation in the presence of Shirley Thomas, general manager, B Sankar, chief general manager and G Prakash, IAS, commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation.

### CLW rolls out 21 electric loco in June

Indian Railways' Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) has rolled out 21 electric locomotives in June despite supply chain constraints due to the nationwide lockdown. CLW has also set a new world record in making the highest number of locomotives in the financial year 2019-20. It had produced a total of 431 locomotives. With this, their production of locomotives has seen a 75 per cent jump over the last six years.

### RITES renews pact with Coal India for rail infra biz

State-owned RITES has renewed its pact with Coal India for project management consultancy services of rail infrastructure business, and construction of rapid loading system, coal handling plants and silos. "RITES Ltd has renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Coal India Ltd," the railway consultancy firm said in a statement. The MoU has been renewed for five years. While in the past, the MoU enabled RITES to achieve a fee income of around ₹100 crore per year, the company is expecting an increase in it now.

### BBMB exceeds power target in first quarter of FY21

The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has surpassed its energy production target fixed by the Central Electricity Authority by 131 per cent for the first quarter of the 2020-21 fiscal ending June, 2020. According to an official release, the BBMB power houses generated 3,326 million units of energy against the target of 2,543 million units for the April-June quarter. Plant availability has been registered at 99.15 per cent, which is far above the operating availability of 91.28 per cent at the national level. BBMB chairman DK Sharma applauded the employees for their untiring efforts to maintain excellence in irrigation and power sectors even during the Covid-19 induced lockdown period.

### Coal India, NLC India ink pact for power assets

NLC India Ltd. (NLCIL), a navaratna undertaking, has inked an agreement with Coal India Ltd, a maharatna public sector undertaking (PSU), also under the Ministry of Coal, to form a joint venture company to develop solar and thermal power assets to the tune of 5,000 MW on pan-India basis. According to an official statement, the agreement was signed by N N M Rao, Director (Planning and Projects), NLCIL and Binay Dayal, Director (Technical) Coal India Ltd, in the presence of Rakesh Kumar, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NLCIL, among others.

### Paradip port handles highest cargo in Q1 FY21

Paradip port in Odisha has handled 25.73 million tonnes of cargo during the first quarter of the current fiscal, the highest among major ports in the country. Overcoming the hurdles caused by the Covid-19 outbreak, the port has handled 25.73 million tonnes of cargo during the April to June quarter of 2020-21 financial year, Paradip Port Trust (PPT) Chairman Rinkesh Roy said. This is the maximum traffic recorded among major ports in the country during the quarter that ended on June 30, he added.

## *Federer eyeing 2021, Oly after two surgeries*

Roger Federer is already focussing on the 2021 season, including the postponed Tokyo Olympics, as he recovers from two knee surgeries. Federer said he is not yet able to play top-level tennis but he is on the mend. He was speaking at the launch of a tennis-themed lifestyle shoe he designed with the Swiss brand On, which he co-owns.



# #NEWNORMAL @ENGLISHSUMMER

### WI coach Simmons says boys got used to saliva ban, will be more at home before empty stands in first series after corona break

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

EXPRESSING interest to travel to a country, which not long ago, was among the worst hit in the world. Travelling to Antigua to join a squad of 25 players and 11 in the support staff. Undergoing Covid-19 tests. Chartered flight to Manchester. Self-isolation of two weeks, during which they had nets in a bio-secure environment next to Old Trafford.

Hello, West Indies! The first team to experience what will be a new normal in cricket. England share a similar tale. Just that they have been at home, in Southampton, where they had a warm-game.

Come Wednesday, all eyes will on these two teams, in a historic Test series — #RaiseTheBat in tribute to doctors and healthcare professionals — beginning in Southampton sans spectators.

The build-up has grabbed headlines. Players, coaches and others in the team crew, who usually spend evenings on the streets grabbing a drink or two, have been confined to their rooms. Such is the #newnormal that the West Indies team management gave players activities to engage and keep their minds off the pandemic.

"Everyone is in the right frame of mind. Over the last four weeks, we've got to balance how much we think about it, talk about it and what we are here for. The guys are looking forward to the Test match. We've had a few activities and it's a positive because it keeps guys close, helps people bond, allows Kemar (Roach) and Shannon (Gabriel) and Jason (Holder) to chat with the youngsters. That part has been excellent," West Indies head coach Phil Simmons, who lives in UK and joined the team in Manchester, said in a select online press conference facilitated by SPN Network. This series will be the first since a new set of rules came into play in the wake of the pandemic. Teams are not allowed to use saliva to shine the ball. This ICC decision has received criticism from certain quarters that things will be lopsided in favour of the batsmen. Simmons agrees that this is hard on the bowlers, but expects his pacers to adapt.

"There are changes in life. The pandemic has brought a lot of changes. Not being able to put saliva on the ball is huge because that's what we've grown up with. But you must have other ways to do it. A couple of days in the practice game were hard, but now, we don't have that headache. We found other ways to shine the ball and keep it in shape," Simmons said.

While Test cricket continues to be well received in England, empty stands will reduce the excitement this time. For England it could be massive, given that they are used to capacity crowds at home.

Simmons said it hardly matters for his boys. "Some of the times in the Caribbean, whether Test or ODI, there isn't much crowd anyways. It doesn't hold such a barrier for us. As cricketers when you are out there, you have to sometimes black out the crowd. This is an ideal situation for that."

**England vs West Indies will be live on Sony Six channels on Wednesday from 3.30 PM**

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

The West Indies who will use "Black Lives Matter" on their shirt collars are undecided whether they will take the knee later. "We've spoken about it a bit and it means a hell of a lot to all the players all the support staff on the tour. It's something that it's not just about now. It's about life as a whole. We as a group don't need to say, look this is going to motivate us. It motivates us all the time. That's a part of our life," Simmons said.

# BCCI silent on tenure of office-bearers

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @ Chennai

A DAY after a member of the BCCI Apex Council sought clarifications on the tenure of office-bearers, there was silence the board's side. A meeting of this body is slated for July 17. Five BCCI office-bearers, two player representatives, a co-opted member and a representative of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) form the Apex Council.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah's tenure ended last month. President Sourav Ganguly's term gets over on July 27 and joint-secretary Jayesh George's on September 23. All three have to take a cooling-off break going by the BCCI constitution. CAG representative Alka Rehani Bharadwaj has written to the Apex Council members seeking updates on the status of the office-bearers. If tenure gets over, one is not eligible to attend Apex Council meetings. The next meeting is slated for July 17.

Till Monday evening, there was no announcement from BCCI on this. Nor did the state associations receive any communication from the office-bearers in this regard. If whispers in board corridors are to be believed, the office-bearers have not discussed the matter with anybody. This has fuelled speculation that the office-bearers are hoping the Supreme Court will hear their plea to revise the cooling-off rule before it's too late.

"It's not just a case of tenure getting over. Going by the BCCI constitution approved by the Supreme Court, an office-bearer will get disqualified after the last date. So if someone continues after that, he or she will be doing so despite incurring a disqualification as per the constitution, unless the court rules otherwise," said a legal professional, who didn't wish to be identified.

The BCCI's point is, in case of Shah, Ganguly and George, time spent in state associations has been added to the period they have spent in the BCCI. In its appeal to the Supreme Court, the BCCI has sought a revision of this rule. It has requested that tenure be counted when a person is holding a post in a state association or the BCCI, instead of clubbing the two together.

# Company refutes charge against Kohli

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

CORNERSTONE Sport and Entertainment, company that manages Virat Kohli and other cricketers, has refuted conflict of interest charges against the India captain. The charge was levelled by Madhya Pradesh CA life member Sanjeev Gupta. The BCCI ombudsman will examine his complaint.

"...Such speculations are based entirely on conjecture. Virat is a contracted, exclusive client of Cornerstone, like the rest of our esteemed talent roster. And as a responsible agency, we reiterate that there is no question of any conflict of interest with Virat or any of our talent," said Cornerstone CEO Bunty Sajdeh in a statement.

# Clubs welcome ISL move to promote more domestic talents

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

COME 2021-22 Indian Super League season, the competition will move into a new phase where teams will be allowed to field seven Indian players and four foreigners in the playing XI. This decision (3+1), which was approved on Monday, will shy away from its present rule with a maximum of five foreigners, meaning more chances to talented Indian players in the future.

Mandar Tamhane, Bengaluru FC CEO, has welcomed the move. "If you are thinking about the development of football, this is what you want. More Indian players on the pitch at the top level is always a good thing and they are going to get more exposure as well. It is automatically a big plus point"

However, it is important to note that the 2020-21 season will still be played with the old rule of five foreigners. With many ISL clubs having already initiated their process of making new signings, it is sensible on behalf of the organisers to implement this policy only from 2021-22 season.

Teams like Bengaluru have been quite busy behind the scenes. They have already provided contract extension to some of their foreign recruits, including Juanan Gonzalez, Dimas Delgado and Erik Paartalu. They also signed Brazilian striker Cleiton Silva last month.

"Once there is clarity with the rules well in advance, then anyone can make those changes. If you tell me to play four foreigners for the coming season, then I am not okay with it as there will be too little time to react to build my squad as I have already started the process. But, when it is one year down the line, we will be able to manage it," said the CEO.

Meanwhile, Kerala Blasters assistant coach Ishfaq Ahmed also welcomed the move.

"This is the rule put in place by AFC for all their competitions and so it will be good when our teams go to participate in those tournaments. More importantly, it will also give an opportunity for Indian players and with each team playing an extra Indian player, the talent pool for the national team will also become larger," said Ahmed.

The former Indian footballer further added, "Teams have to make sure that the quality doesn't drop and so they will try to scout better players, spend wisely in the transfer market and make the right kind of additions."


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| 2 | 2020_KMML_369181_1 | Appointment of Engineering Consultant (EC for setting up 70 TPA Magnesium Recycling Technology Demonstration Plant (MRP) at Titanium Sponge Plant (TSP), KMML |

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No: KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT 10185 Date : 01.07.2020

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** (Through e-Procurement portal Only)

Bids are invited from qualified agencies through e-tender platform thorugh two cover system for the work of **"providing, erection, testing & commissioning of one no. dredging pump for de-silting of pump pits along with necessary water agitation pipe lines at Maralihalla Pump House, Danapur Village, Gangavathi".** The intending bidder can download the tender document from e-procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** EMD : **Rs. 21,300/-** shall be paid through e-procurement portal. Last date for submission of tender through e-portal only **on or before 25.07.2020 up to 17.00 hrs.** For further information contact **Executive Engineer (CAM-1), BTPS, KUDITHINI-583152, Cell No.: 9448290730**

**Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited**
2nd Floor, South Block, Beeja Raja Seeds Complex,
Bellary Road, Hebbala, Bengaluru-560 024
No.: KSPDCL/F-188/2020-21/42 Date: 06.07.2020

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited (KSPDCL) invites bids **for providing vehicles on hire basis for the use of officers of KSPDCL.** Bid documents will be available in the e-procurement portal **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) on or after 8th July 2020.**
**Note:** KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

**Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL**

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**
**KERALA STATE TRANSPORT PROJECT**
Project Management Team, T.C. 11/339, Sree Bala Building, Keston Road, Nanthencode, Kowdiar (P.O), Thiruvananthapuram-695003, Kerala State, India
Tel.: +91 0471 2318946, Telefax: + 91 0471 2318958/ 2318985,
e-mail: pdkstp@gmail.com/cepmtkstp@gmail.com

Dated: 07.07.2020

**CORRIGENDUM-1**

Please refer this office Notification dated 30/06/2020, published in The New Indian Express, (All India Edition) and Mathurbhumi regional Daily News Paper on 30/06/2020 for the procurement of upgradation works under Rebuild Kerala Initiative in Wayanad and Kannur district.The bid documents can be viewed /downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Kerala Government **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/** from 17/07/2020 to 17/08/2020 (up to 16:00 Hrs. IST). Bids received online shall be opened on 17/08/2020 (at 16.30 hours IST). EMD, tender fee, Power of Attorney, joint bidding agreement, etc. shall be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before 17/08/2020 (up to 16:00 hours IST). Other details published in the Notification dated 30.06.2020 shall remain unchanged.

Sd/- **Project Director, KSTP**
**Kerala State Transport Project, Thiruvananthapuram**

**Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited**
2nd Floor, South Block, Beeja Raja Seeds Complex,
Bellary Road, Hebbala, Bengaluru-560 024
No.: KSPDCL/F-185/2020-21/41 Date: 06.07.2020

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited (KSPDCL) hereby invites tender **for Outsourcing Manpower. Bid documents will be available in the e-procurement portal (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) on or after 08.07.2020.**
**Note**: KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

**Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL**

**KARNATAKA STATE BEVERAGES CORPORATION LIMITED**
**(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)**
4th Floor, TTMC 'A' Block, BMTC Building, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027. Ph: 22483636/38/39
Fax: 22483645
No: KSBCL/E-4984/Fire Extg-Refilling/2020-21 Date: 06.07.2020

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Sealed tenders under two cover system (Technical & Price Bid) are invited from reputed Companies/Agencies in Karnataka for refilling of Mechanical Foam Type Fire Extinguishers installed at KSBCL IML depots located at various places in Karnataka. Interested bidders may download tender documents from Corporation website: **www.ksbcl.com from 7.07.2020 after 11.30 a.m.** EMD amount of **Rs.7,500/-** (Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only) in the form of DD/Pay order payable at Bangalore should be submitted along with the duly filled sealed bids **on or before 21.07.2020 up to 1.00 p.m.** and Technical Bids will be opened on the same day viz., **21.07.2020 after 3.00 p.m.** Opening of Financial bid of the technically eligible bidders will be on **27.07.2020 after 11.30 a.m.** Further details can be obtained from the above office.

**Sd/- Executive Director (Finance & Admin)**

**FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY**
**P.O. I.P.E. Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun-248195 (Uttarakhand)**
**(Under Sec 3 of the UGC Act 1956)**

(vide Notification No. F.9-25/89-U.3 dated 6-12-1991)

**Invitation for Expression of Interest for conductance of Online Examination for admission in Ph.D. programme and M.Sc. Courses-2020 (candidates shall appear from their home)**

The FRI Deemed to be University, Dehradun notified by the UGC under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 vide notification No. F 9-25/89-U.3 dated 06.12.1991, invites Expression of interest (EOI) from agencies/firms for conducting Online examination of Ph.D. Programme and M.Sc. courses 2020 as per the General Terms and Conditions available on our website **www.fridu.edu.in**.

The sealed EOI, in the manner prescribed and superscripted as "EOI for online Examination of Ph.D. Programme and M.Sc. courses 2020" may be sent to the undersigned latest by **21.07.2020 (05:00 PM)**. The EOI can also be downloaded from FRI Deemed to be University website **www.fridu.edu.in**.

Any form of canvassing, from any source whatsoever, shall invite immediate disqualification.

**Registrar,**
**FRI Deemed to be University**
**P.O. I.P.E., Kaulagarh Road,**
**Dehradun-248195 (UK), TEL:-0135-2751826**

**BENGALURU URBAN, BENGALURU RURAL & RAMANAGARA DIST. CO-OP. MILK PRODUCERS' SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED**
Bangalore Dairy, D.R. College Post, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bengaluru-560029. Ph: 080-26096258, Fax: 080-25536597.
e-mail: bamulengg@yahoo.com, website: www.bamulnandini.coop

**TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL TENDER OF WORKS**
**PART-1 TENDER INVITATION (I F T)**

IFT No. BAMUL/M(E)/e-Tender/PW-01/01/2020-21 Date: 22-06-2020

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal from eligible tenderers registered in PWD Department / Central PWD Department / M.E.S Departments at the following places at Bangalore Milk Union Ltd. Work details and schedule is given in the Table below. The Earnest Money Deposit (E.M.D.) should be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender. Earnest money deposit will have to be paid in any one of the forms as specified in the tender document through e-procurement portal only.

| Package No. | Name of work | Approximate Value of work (Rs.) | E.M.D (Rs.) | Period of Completion | Class of Constructions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| KW-2 | Construction of 5 Lack liters capacity of BWSSB water storage sump at main Dairy premises | 50,84,071/- | 1,01,700/- | 90 Days (Including Monsoon) | Class 1 and above |

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Access to E-Tender Portal only | From 25.06.2020 to 24.07.2020 upto 3.30 PM |
| 2 | Last date for tender Queries/ Pre-bid meeting | From 22.07.2020 upto 3.30 PM |
| 3 | Last date & time for Submission of Tenders | From 24.07.2020 upto 2.30 PM |
| 4 | Last date & time for opening of Technical Tender (Part-I) | From 27.07.2020 upto 3.15 PM |
| 5 | Date & time for opening of Commercial Tender (Part-II) | Will be informed to successful tenderers |
| 6 | Place of pre-bid meeting, opening of Technical / Commercial Bid | **Bamul, Board Room, Dr.M.H.Marigowda Road, Bengaluru-560029** |

More details on the tender are available in e-procurement portal **https:/eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Managing Director
Tender Inviting Authority
Bangalore Milk Society Union Limited

**ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ**
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಘ.ಬ.ದಂ.ಕಾ.ನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ-4, ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ. ಫೋನ ನಂ: 08338 – 272485 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ ನಂ: 08338 – 275186
ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆನಿನಿ/ಜೆಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿ ವಿ-4/ಮಾಪನ ರೇ.ಕೊ/2020-21/722 ದಿನಾಂಕ 01-07-2020

**: ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ :**

ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರಿಂದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕೆಲಸದ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಿವರಗಳಂತೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತೆರಿಗೆಗಳು ಒಳಗೊಂಡ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಮೊಹರಬಂದ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ., ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಮತ್ತು ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ ವಾಹನ ಮಾಲಿಕರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತೆರಿಗೆಗಳು ಒಳಗೊಂಡ ದರಗಳನ್ನು (Rate Quotation) ಮೊಹರಬಂದ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09–7–2020ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಅಂಚೆ ಮೂಲಕವಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿಯಾಗಲಿ, ನಿಗದಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯದೊಳಗೆ ದ್ವಿಪ್ರತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ತಲುಪುವಂತೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಲು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಂತರ ಅದೇ ದಿನ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು (Rate Quotation) ದರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ವಿವರಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ದೃಢೀಕೃತ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.

1)ವಾಹನದ ಆರ್.ಸಿ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು, 2)ಚಾಲಕನ Driving License, 3)ವಾಹನದ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ Insurance certificate., 4)ವಾಹನದ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ condition certificate issued by concerned RTO., 5)ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಇನ್ನೀತರ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು (ಆಧಾರ ಕಾರ್ಡ, ಪ್ಯಾನ ಕಾರ್ಡ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ).

Name of work: Providing vehicle on Hire basis to the O/o AEE KNNL GRBCC Sub Division No. 4 Kerur for 1 year including fuel charges, vehicle charges, Driver charges & annual maintenance etc (for the year 2020-21).

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರು ಕನೀನಿನಿ ಜೆಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿಸಿ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 4 ಕೇರೂರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಫೋನ ನಂ. 9448443938) ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರು,ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಘಬದಂಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ–4, ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ.

**KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**
**(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)**
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No: KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK-INDENT 10172 Dated: 29.06.2020

**ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION**
(Only through e-Procurement Portal)

Sealed bids are invited in English in duplicate for the work of **"Re-winding of One no. of 250KVA One No. of 100KVA Distribution Transformer at Kadra Power House"**, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works. The details of NIT, Brief Bid Notification as well as tender documents can also be viewed on **Website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Amount put to the Tender: **Rs.4,81,622/-. EMD: Rs.12,041/-.** Tender processing fee as per e-procurement norms. Period of Completion: Three months from date of handing over of site. Last Date & Time for tender queries & clarifications: **16.07.2020.** Last Date & Time for Online submission of tenders: **20.07.2020.** Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I): **21.07.2020.** Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid (Cover-II): Will be intimated later. The details of NIT & Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement **Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from **The Executive Engineer (Kadra-2), KPCL,** Kadra-581396, North Kanara Dist., Karnataka State. Tel: 08382 - 256 344. Fax: 08382 - 256 381. Mobile: 94495 99114. Email: eee2kadrakpcl@yahoo.com

**Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department. Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.** Phone&Fax no:08539-220054, mail:eemindnkst@rediffmail.com

No.: EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2020-21/2189 Date: 02.07.2020

**INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER**

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW- 2, 3 & 4 on E-procurement portal for 10 no of works pertaining to Koppal & Raichur district. The amount put to tender for the mentioned works varies from Rs. 35.20 to 281.96 Lakhs . The tenderers may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after 08-07-2020. Last date & time for receipt of tender is 22-07-2020 time 17.30 hours, pre bid meeting will be held on 13-07-2020 time 11.00 hours at this office, date & time for opening of technical bid 24-07-2020 time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid 27-07-2020 time 11.00 hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

**Sd/- Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.**
**DIPR/Koppal/13/MCA/2020-21**

QuoteExpress **IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING** > WINSTON CHURCHILL

Instagram is planning to expand its new video-music remix feature Reels which offer TikTok-like functionalities to more countries and India is expected to be one of them. The expansion plan for Reels was revealed after TikTok was banned in India, along with 58 other Chinese apps.

# COVID-19 PATIENTS EXPERIENCE NIGHTMARISH DELIRIUM

Reports from hospitals and researchers show that two-thirds to three-quarters of patients in ICUs from across the world have experienced it in some form

**TERRIFYING**

NEW YORK: It is not just breathing issues that are troubling patients of the novel coronavirus. Several patients experiencing 'hospital delirium', with nightmarish visions and paranoid imaginings have been reported.

According to Mayo Clinc, an American academic medical centre, delirium is a serious disturbance in mental abilities that results in confused thinking and reduced awareness of the environment.

The centre's website says, delirium can often be traced to one or more contributing factors, such as a severe or chronic illness, changes in metabolic balance (such as low sodium), medication, infection, surgery, or alcohol or drug intoxication or withdrawal.

Often reported among the elderly, delirium can sometimes occur among cognitively impaired individuals with dementia.

Researchers now claim that about two-thirds to three-quarters of patients in ICUs have experienced delirium. Experts say that while the experiences aren't just terrifying, they may have long lasting detrimental effects, increasing the risk for depression or post-traumatic stress.

Last week, *The New York Times* reported that younger age groups with no previous history of cognitive issues were experiencing mental confusion and emotional disruption. Patients were in the age group between 50 and 60, including a 31-year-old woman, the report said.

Kim Victory, a 31-year-old woman, said she was so agitated by the visions that she pulled out her ventilator breathing tube one night.

**We know that delirium is more likely the longer you stay in an ICU, so people who are there naturally two or three weeks and have a worse outcome for that reason are more likely to have delirium**

Dr Marty Makary, Johns Hopkins University

In an interview with *Fox News*, Johns Hopkins University professor of public health, Dr Marty Makary, said these episodes are common in intensive care units or ICUs.

Experts cite long bouts on ventilators and poor sleep for reasons for delirium in Covid-19 patients. Patients are also rooted in hospital beds and ill afforded quality social interaction. Patients suffer from low blood oxygen, which may affect brain function, they added.

Anatolio Jose Rios, a 57-year-old patient who was intubated for just four days at Massachusetts General Hospital says he heard booms and saw flashes of light and people praying for him. After the ventilator was disconnected, the patient would only respond with one- or two-word answers, said Dr Peggy Lai, who treated him.

Rios was convinced people in the hall outside were armed with guns, threatening him.

"There's increased risk for temporary or even permanent cognitive defects," Dr Lawrence Kaplan, director of consultation liaison psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center told the *Times*. "It's actually more devastating," he added.

**Great Crested Newts** | SCIENTIFIC NAME: Triturus cristatus | LENGTH: 15CM

**EXFILE**

## BORIS BLAMES NEWTS

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has now angered conservationists in Britain. Last week, Johnson said 'newt-counting' is responsible for his government's inability to deliver new housing and construction projects. We take a look how true is the PM's statement

**WHAT DID JOHNSON SAY?**

The newt counting delays in our system are a massive drag on the productivity and the prosperity of this country

Boris Johnson said on June 30

**RHETORIC OR TRUTH?**

Environmental groups in the UK have slammed his allegation and say it is a political trick with no basis in fact

Experts wonder how wildlife surveys can be a hindrance to development

**WHAT WAS THE CONTEXT?**

It may be that the PM was referring to rules derived from the EU's Habitats Directive

Under this law, Britain's largest and most-threatened newt, **the great crested newt** gets protection

If a housebuilder discovers a great crested newt on the site, he/she would need extra licences and surveys to assess whether the newts can be moved

**FUMING ACTIVISTS**

Conservationists claim that reviews have shown that these laws and the planning system can guide good development and that these regulations maintain the economic value of the sites and species they protect

**It is a fundamental mistake to view species and environmental protections as a drag on our economy**

Martin Harper, director of conservation for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

**15 WEEKS**

Number of weeks a newt survey could last according to a 2017 review

**OLD SPECIES**

These are the biggest newt species in the British Isles. They have been inhabiting the UK for approximately 40 million years

**APPEARANCE**

Newts have a black or dark brown skin, with a rough or warty appearance. Their underside is bright orange with irregular black blotches

Habitat loss and agriculture have wiped out most of these species from Europe

**NEW METHODS OF NEWT IDENTIFICATION**

1. Wildlife watchdog Natural England is using a new method that restricts delays and costs
2. The new approach involves samples of pond water being analysed to detect fragments of newt DNA
3. This fast process can help developers get instant information

# China's Inner Mongolia reports bubonic plague

**INFECTION WARNING**

BEIJING: While China appears to have reduced coronavirus cases to near zero, other infectious threats remain, with local health authorities announcing a suspected bubonic plague case in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

Authorities in the Bayannur district raised the plague warning on Sunday, ordered residents not to hunt wild animals such as marmots and to send for treatment anyone with fever or showing other possible signs of infection.

Plague can be fatal in up to 90 per cent of people infected if not treated, primarily with several types of antibiotics.

Pneumonic plague can develop from bubonic plague and results in a severe lung infection causing shortness of breath, headache and coughing. China has largely eradicated plague, but occasional cases are still reported, especially among hunters coming into contact with fleas carrying the bacterium.

The Yersinia pestis bacteria can be transmitted to humans from infected rats via fleas. Though the highly-contagious plague is rare in China and can be treated, at least five people have died from it since 2014, according to China's National Health Commission.

The last major known outbreak was in 2009, when several people died in the town of Zikетan in Qinghai province on the Tibetan Plateau.

Along with the coronavirus, first detected in the central Chinese city of Wuhan late last year, China has dealt with African swine fever, which has devastated pig herds.

China has gone weeks without reporting a new death from the coronavirus, and on Monday reported just one new case of local infection in Beijing.

# Sewage can help track virus trends

**WASTEWATER ANALYSIS**

NEW YORK: One county in Utah beat back a spike of pandemic virus infections in the spring, and another saw its rate jump. Both trends showed up in their sewage.

Across the US and in Europe, researchers and health officials say they can track the course of a community outbreak of the new coronavirus by studying the waste flushed from its bathrooms. And that can provide a valuable addition to public health tools, they say.

In Utah, wastewater from communities near a Cache County meatpacking plant that discovered 287 infected workers indicated an outbreak several days before it was officially reported. In contrast, sewage from Summit County showed a decline after officials imposed antivirus measures The monitoring in April and May was part of a demonstration project, and the results helped persuade state officials to authorise a bigger monitoring effort that will include wastewater from 75 per cent of Utah's residents, said Erica Gaddis, director of the state's Division of Water Quality.

# High BP pills may cut colon cancer risks

**MEDICATION HELP**

HONG KONG: Researchers have now claimed that medications commonly prescribed to treat high blood pressure may also reduce patients' colorectal cancer risk.

Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACE-i) or angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB) medications are prescribed for conditions such as heart failure, high blood pressure or heart disease. These medications inhibit or block angiotensin, a chemical that causes arteries to become narrow, the researchers said. The study, published in the *Hypertension*, revealed that taking these medications may also reduce colorectal cancer risk.

"Our results provide new insights on a potential role of these medications for colorectal cancer prevention," said study author Wai K Leung from the University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong.

# High-end camera for iPhone 12?

**BETTER IMAGING**

Apple's upcoming iPhone 12 is likely to feature high-end lens arrays in the rear camera to improve image quality. According to famed analyst Ming-Chi Kuo, Apple's manufacturing partner Largan will reportedly begin shipments of camera lenses for the new iPhones in min-July. Largan's estimated production window has been delayed by four to six weeks for the second half of 2020, reports *MacRumors*. Kuo did not mention the reason for the delay in his note but the pandemic happens to be the trigger for the delay. The tech giant is also likely to delay the launch of new iPhone 12 series by at least two months which may take place in November instead of September.

**SYMBOLS OF EUROPE**

German farmer Luenemann has cut a maze out of his corn field, showing symbols of Europe like the German Brandenburg Gate, the French Eiffel Tower, the Italian Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Spanish Bull and the Czech Charles Bridge in Selm on Monday. Last week, Germany took over the six-month Presidency of the Council of the European Union | AP

**VITAL MACHINES**

# How Czech volunteers created a lung ventilator

**SIMPLE AND LOW-COST**

PRAGUE: Tomas Kapler knew nothing about ventilators — he's an online business consultant, not an engineer or a medical technician.

But when he saw that shortages of the vital machines had imperiled critically ill Covid-19 patients in northern Italy, he was moved to action.

"It was a disturbing feeling for me that because of a lack of equipment the doctors had to decide whether a person gets a chance to live," Kapler said.

"That seemed so horrific to me that it was an impulse to do something." And so he did. Working around the clock, he brought together a team of 30 Czechs to develop a fully functional ventilator — Corovent. And they did it in days. Kapler said he set out to "make a ventilator from the parts that are used in common machines." A crowd-funding campaign ensured the finances in just hours.

Tomas Kapler talks about a lung ventilator 'Corovent' in Prague on Monday | AP

Kapler approached Karel Roubik, professor of Biomedical Engineering at the Czech Technical University for help. He, in turn, assembled colleagues through Skype, while his postgraduate student tested the new design in their lab in Kladno, west of Prague. They had a working prototype in five days, something that would normally take a year.

Roubik said their design makes the machine reliable, inexpensive, and easy to operate and mass produce. A group of volunteer pilots flew their planes to deliver anything needed. And then MICO, an energy and chemical company offered to do the manufacturing.

With the certification for emergency use in the European Union approved, the ventilator was ready in April. MICO has submitted a request for approval for emergency use in the US, Brazil, Russia and other countries.

"Originally, we thought it would be just an emergency ventilator for the Czech Republic," Kapler said. "But it later turned out that the ventilators will be needed in the entire world."

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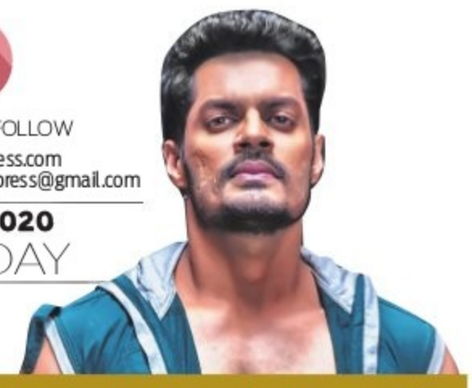

**DAY'S DIARY**

## *The Wasp*

On this day in 1802, the first issue of the Federalist newspaper, *The Wasp*, was published. The paper was started in response to former US President Thomas Jefferson's *The Bee*

**A SATIRE**

Although many claim that this was the first comic book to be published in the US, the publication was more a political satire with a Republican viewpoint to attack the then US President Jefferson

**THE ARTIST**

It was published under the pseudonym Robert Rusticoat, but was actually the work of Harry Croswell, a journalist, who wrote for The Federalist party paper, *The Balance*

**FIRST COMIC**

*The Wasp*'s satirical illustrations are considered the first comic. It may have published editorial cartoons, but the purpose of the four-page newspaper was to attack Jefferson and his policies

*Sudev Nair makes Kannada debut in Old Monk*

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Deborah Doris Fell

Harsha Tallapragada

# NOT SKIN DEEP

**When a fairness cream brand changes its name to sound fair to all, it sounds like a good start. But is it enough?**

• **Express Features**

How many times have we heard, "she is so fair and beautiful" or "he is so fair and handsome"? Too many times to count? Being derided for "you will never find a suitable match" to name-calling couples 'Black and White TVs' if one is fairer than the other; from our well-meaning grandmothers to our pesky neighbours, everyone has an opinion to pass on skin colour.

Often, though not explicitly stated, the bias does creep in people's choices. Bengaluru-based Bharatanatyam dancer and choreographer Mithun Shyam says, "I've noticed that when event organisers have to choose performers among my students, the ones with a darker skin tone get rejected more." The artiste, who also brought out Shyama Sundari, a classical dance production on colourism, last year, adds that the problem exists at the family level. "Some kids get nicknames based on colour or body type. The intention may not be to hurt but such things can affect the child's psyche," says Shyam.

Agrees Dr Shireen Furtado, dermatologist, Aster CMI Hospital. "A large number of Indians are obsessed with fairness as an indicator of status and beauty. I hear patients lament that no matter how dutifully they smear fairness creams on their faces, the skin refuses to move a shade. Names like Fair and Lovely are wrong, misleading and harmful for an average brown coloured woman."

Sushmita Jakkula, founder of Hyderabad-based The Soaptub Co, says she gets many clients who ask for soaps that will make their skin fairer. She adds, "Face masks can improve skin health, but not change colour."

In a market obsessed with 'whiteness', numerous companies have sold creams and bleach in an attempt to make one 'white'. When recently Hindustan Unilever rebranded its face cream to drop the word 'fair' and make it 'Glow & Lovely', many felt it was a small step in the right direction.

Deborah Doris Fell, former Miss India runner-up and finalist, Kingfisher Supermodels - Season 3, welcomes the name change. She says, "Clients and brands would prefer white skinned women and I had to struggle to get to where I am today. Very few brands about 10 years ago booked me for their shows or shoots. Colour should never be something that is looked down upon."

Looking good has always meant 'fair and lovely', not just what is seen in advertisements, but it has been ingrained in us right from our adolescent years, feels Chaitanya Ch, image consultant, StyleChai. She says, "I have noticed that homemakers and even professionals placed in high offices suffer from low self-worth because they are dark."

However, model Harsha Tallapragada differs. She says, "No matter what the name is, it is still going to be the same product and for the same purpose. We should not judge a person based on their colour."

Kavitha Emmanuel, Dark is Beautiful campaigner, Women of Worth founder, says it's good to talk about colourism. "But I wish the company will show more commitment to the cause and go beyond tokenism."

> **My friend thought the colour of an M&M affects taste. I said no, the colour is on the outside, they're made of the same stuff. I couldn't believe my friend is a colourist! When the word 'fair' was changed to 'glow', she saw that her arguments were defending the wrong thought, and it left her with a horrible taste in her mouth**
>
> —**Arnav Rao,** standup comedian

# Songs of valour

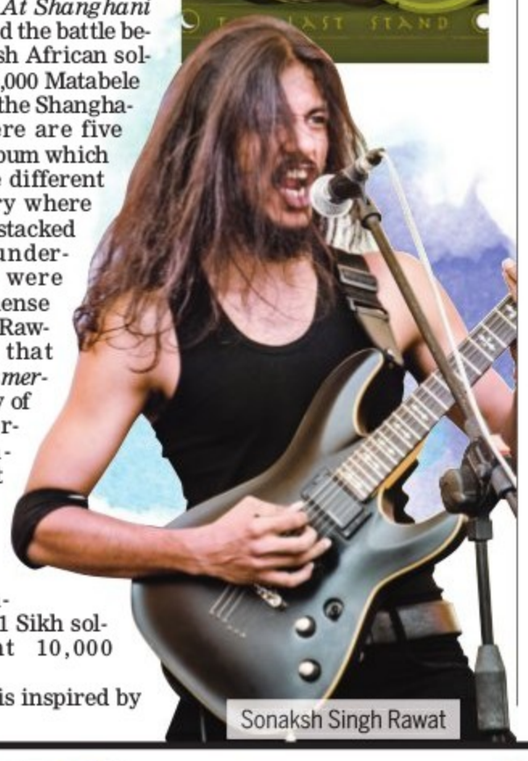
• **Muneef Khan**

Two years after the inception of his solo death metal project titled Mutiny, city-based musician Sonaksh Singh Rawat is inching closer to the release of his debut album, *The Last Stand*. Gearing up for a September release, Rawat reveals that the seven-track album revolves around events in history, like battles. He has released three songs from the album -- while *Saragarhi* was out last year, *Batallie De Camerone* was released last month. Ask him why he undertook vocals, guitar and bass duties all on his own and he says, "I did have a couple of musicians working with me on this album but they were unable to devote their whole time. I wanted a little more than that but I couldn't force them, so I took complete control. That also comes with creative freedom and more room for experimenting," says Rawat.

The songs in the album, which have been recorded, mixed and mastered by city-based musician and rapper Arshaq Malik, narrate tales of battles. While *Remember the Alamo* is a story about the first 13 days of the battle of Alamo where 260 Texians went up against 1,800 Mexicans, *Ambush At Shanghani* revolves around the battle between 34 British African soldiers against 3,000 Matabele warriors near the Shanghani river. "There are five songs in the album which talk about five different wars in history where the odds were stacked against the underdogs. These were events of immense bravery," says Rawat, asserting that *Bataille De Camerone* is the story of 65 French foreign legionnaires against 3,000 Mexicans while Saragarhi speaks of the battle of Saragarhi, where 21 Sikh soldiers fought 10,000 Afghans.

Rawat, who is inspired by metal giants like Sabaton and Bolt Thrower, says apart from their style of music, him being a history buff made it the ideal album to pen down. "Since these are metal songs, I would want the listeners to headbang and express themselves. But at the same time, I want them to focus on the lyrical content, which holds great value," he says.

Speaking about the projects in the pipeline, Rawat says the passing of his father a few years ago brought about a change in his approach towards projects. He adds, "It made me realise how precious time is and how little one has at the end of the day. I have a couple of solo projects coming up. While one follows a technical progressive metal approach, the latter is a 1980s-themed instrumental metal album."



Sonaksh Singh Rawat

Arts and crafts on display at Cuppa cafe

# In the 'middle' of pandemic

• **Express Features**

The pandemic has ravaged lives and livelihood of lakhs. Whether it's the hospitality business, local artisans or designers, each of them is trying to stay afloat, if not able to swim, and attempting not to sink. Cuppa, a 10-year-old cafe in Bengaluru with five chains in the city, is implementing social distancing at its cafe in a unique manner – by using the 'middle tables' to provide a platform for local designers to showcase their products. Called CuppaForArtists, the initiative kicked off at their HSR Layout cafe on Monday and will go on until at least things return to a semblance of normalcy. It will be expanded to the other outlets in about a fortnight.

As a part of hygiene protocols, restaurants and cafes can allow seating on alternate tables only, to follow social distancing norms. "Instead of bare tables, we decided to use mannequins to create pathways and the required distance between tables. The empty tables will also carry products from various artists and craftspersons in the city, while the mannequins will be clothed in designs from Bengaluru's upcoming fashion designers," says Visakh Vishwambharan, director, Cuppa, about the initiative. Currently, the products on display include stationery, handicrafts, crockery, candles, soaps, designer clothing and coffee.

Before the lockdown, they had conducted standup comedy nights and had musicians performing there. "However, in light of the current pandemic, we realise that the usual avenues for artists are closed but we could become a new avenue. We are providing a safe, sanitised environment for our patrons to hang out. And instead of leaving the tables bare, we could make this a platform for artists to sell their work," adds Vishwambharan.

Vijay Sreedhar (left) and Visakh Vishwambharan

Given the proximity to National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), the cafe also intends to allow students to showcase their work at the cafe. "We've always been about experiences. Each of our cafes has a different theme, which is meant to create different experiences for our customers. Dining out, we have always believed, is also about experiences... catching up with friends, enjoying a meal. Now, we want to bring in the arts and culture experience, and of course, the shopping experience especially since we've always believed in supporting local artists of all kinds," says Vijay Sreedhar, director.

**IN FOCUS**

# Scars and a strong spirit

• **Express Features**

When Sarah Thomas first made a documentary on acid attack, she never thought the film would continue to gain recognition, even six years after its completion. Titled *Scarred*, the film deals with the issue of acid attacks in India and features stories by victims in Bihar, Delhi and Tumakuru. Thomas is glad the work is still being run in film festivals in different parts of the world, the latest being the World of Women Film Fair Middle East, which has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. "The stories of the women that the film features carry so much weight. So it feels great to know that even after all this time, the film is still going places," says Thomas, who is the founder and executive producer of a city-based production house called Stom Productions.

Thomas made *Scarred* at the age of 20 for a college assignment at St Joseph's College (Arts and Science). Calling it a turning point in her life, she says, "That's when I learned the power of cinema and the change one can bring about through films." A "feminist filmmaker", most of Thomas' passion projects deal with women-oriented themes, including an upcoming film on child sexual abuse. She claims *Scarred* was the second in all of India to be made on the issue, while being the first to feature a perpetrator. Recalling that he was the husband of one of the victims she spoke to, Thomas says she was shell-shocked to know that the woman continued to live with him post the attack. "I was in conversation with the woman at her house and was terrified when he showed up. But I decided to pluck my courage and ask him for his side of the story," she recounts, adding that she chose to not do his interview in an enclosed space. If the woman's narration carried a tone of apathy, the man's came with no sense of remorse. "He did admit that what he did was wrong but still believed he had his reasons for doing so. He also added that all crimes, be it rape or acid attacks, are committed because women exist in the world," says Thomas.

While reactions to the film have been overwhelming -- it has been screened in Spain and Assam as well -- some other reactions have also been jarring. "While some called it 'too ghastly', an editor I sent my reel to told me I should have colour-graded the film. I didn't want to do any such thing because for these women, it is their everyday reality," says Thomas. She is still in touch with some of the women who feature in the film, who were happy to hear about the film's latest selection at the global film fair. "But their journey is more than the film. What makes me happier is the growth they have been through. One of them, Pragya Prasun Singh, now runs an NGO called Atijeevan Foundation in Bengaluru that helps women gain a livelihood, while the others are activists now."

A still from the film

> **The stories of the acid attack survivors carry so much weight. It feels good to know that the film is still going places**
>
> —**Sarah Thomas,** founder, Stom Productions

## QUICK FIX

### PAPAYA CHOCO SMOOTHIE

**INGREDIENTS**

- **Papaya pieces:** 1 cup
- **Milk:** 1 cup
- **Jaggery powder:** 2 tbsp
- **Cocoa powder:** 1 tsp

**METHOD**

- Put all the ingredients in a blender and blend to a smoothie consistency. Top with papaya pieces and serve.

**– by Uma Murali, Coimbatore**

### What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

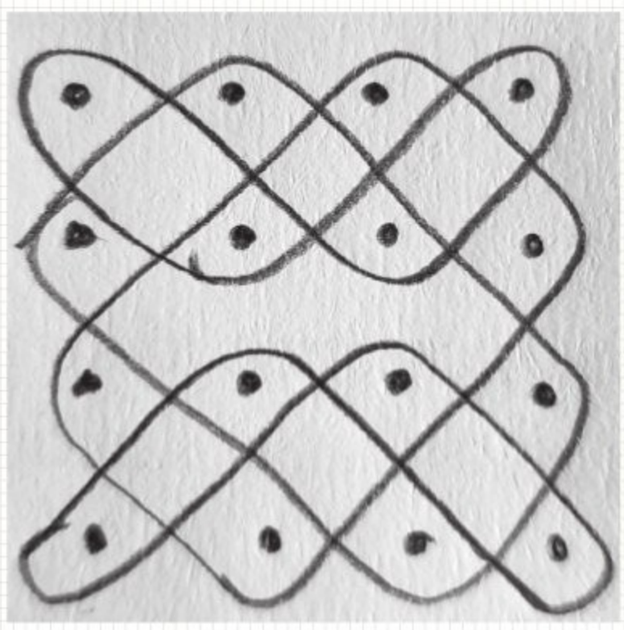
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

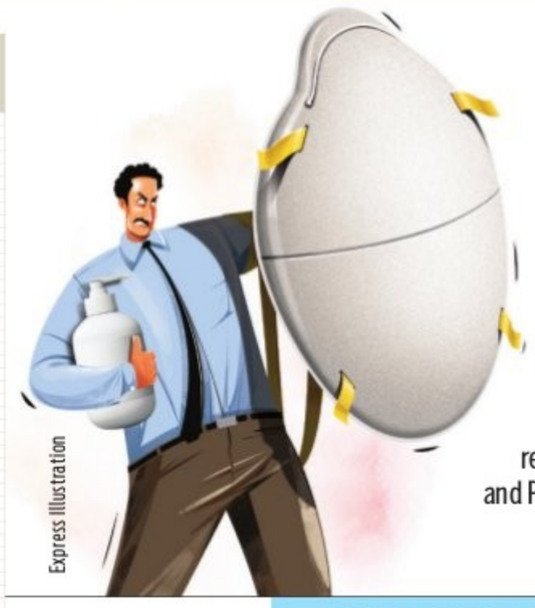
## DOTS & DESIGNS

### 4*4 SIKKU

- Place 4 dots in 4 rows and connect the corner dots.
- Now connect the other side corner too.
- Connect remaining dots with an inverted 'v' shape as shown.
- Join the lines with an intersection in between.
- Your final design will look like a square with inverted 'v'.

**– by Sowmya Vijay**





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## BRIGHT SPOT

# THE PANDEMIC SLAYER

New Delhi-based 106-year-old man, who was four years old during the 1918 Spanish Flu, has survived COVID-19 and recovered faster than his son, who is in his 70s. The patient was discharged from the Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital (RGSSH) recently after recovering, where his wife, son and another family member also recuperated after contracting the novel coronavirus infection. Spanish Flu was a pandemic which hit the world 102 years ago, and affected nearly one-third of the global population at that time. "The 1918 influenza pandemic was the most severe pandemic in recent history. It was caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is no universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it spread worldwide during 1918-1919," according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the US. Doctors at the RGSSH were amazed to see the recovery of this centenarian patient from the novel coronavirus, even though he was highly vulnerable to the infection.

## APPSMART

### Mega Photo Pro

The most fun you can have with your photos – Mega Photo Pro is an app that brings your photos and videos to life.

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**Available on:** Android

## FIT BIT

### ARDHA CHANDRASANA

(HALF MOON POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'ardha' means 'half', 'chandra' means 'moon' and 'asana' means 'pose'. In the human anatomy, the sun and the moon represent the solar and lunar energies. In Hatha Yoga, 'Ha' represents solar energies and 'Tha' is the symbol of lunar energies. This pose looks like the flat edge of a half moon, hence the name. It benefits the mind and body in a myriad of ways as it strengthens the core and coordinates alignment. In this pose, energy from both sides of the body is awakened and brought into harmony.

**STEPS**

- Begin in Trikonasana on your right side and keep the left hand on your left hip.
- Inhale, gently bend the right knee and try to keep your right foot 12 inches forward. Keep right hand front of your right foot.
- Exhale and slightly move the right hand to the floor duly pressing it.
- Keep your right leg straight and raise your left leg off the floor, parallel to the ground.
- Maintain the balance and don't lock your right knee. Keeping your knee cap straight without ranging inwards.
- Bend your torso towards left, and bring your left hip in line with the leg.
- Keep your left hand on the left hip. Gaze forward.
- Maintain body weight on the leg in which you stand.
- For balance, press the floor with your hand.
- Make sure you firmly push the scapula and sacrum against the back of your torso.
- Remain in the pose for a few seconds. Then lower the raised leg to the floor with exhalation, and return to Trikonasana.
- Repeat the same process on the opposite side.

**BENEFITS**

- Beneficial in better coordination, increases the concentration and balance of your body.
- Best stress-buster and improves your digestion.
- Strengthens ankles, thighs, buttocks, spine and core.
- Gives a good stretch to your calves, hamstrings, chest, shoulders, calves groin, shoulders and spine.
- Beneficial in menstrual disorders in women and relieves pain in the legs.

**LIMITATIONS**

- People suffering from any problem in heart, thighs, ankle, leg, back, neck or joint pain, migraine or spinal disorders avoid this.
- If you have chronic pain, inflammation, a recent hip or knee injury or disc hernia, avoid this.

*– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai*

## SOUNDBOARD

**THE FRIEND ZONE**
Friends Dustin Ross, HeyFranHey and Assante explore mental health, mental wealth and mental hygiene. They discuss topics such as dating during quarantine, racism and more.
- On Google Podcast

**GASTROPOD**
Cynthia Graber and Nicola Twilley talk about food by delving into the science and history behind it. They also have an interesting line-up of interviews with chefs, scientists and experts from the globe.
- On Apple Podcasts

**EAT SLEEP WORK REPEAT**
Bruce Daisley, Twitter's European vice president, tells how individuals and businesses can improve. In each episode, he interviews different guests to get their insight on various aspects of life at work such as gender inequality and more.
- On Apple Podcast

**THE TIP OFF**
The weekly podcast gives us a dramatic outlook at the detective work behind journalism. It explains how journalists get the leads for their biggest stories. It is hosted by investigative journalist Maeve McClenaghan.
- On SoundCloud

**CTRL ALT DELETE BY EMMA GANNON**
Emma Gannon, a former social media editor of British Glamour, talks about problems that women encounter in their workplace.
- On Apple Podcast

## POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

**KENDASAMPIGE**
Ravi, an attendant, has a love affair with Gowri, the daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.
- Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish, Rajesh Nataranga

**BRINDAVANA**
Brindavana is a 2013 Indian Kannada romantic comedy film starring Darshan, Karthika Nair and Milana Nagaraj in the lead roles and also featuring Saikumar and Sampath Raj. A remake of the 2010 Telugu film Brindavanam, it was directed by K Madesh and produced by Suresh Gowda for Sri Seethabaireshwara.
- Cast: Darshan, Karthika Nair

**OM**
Satya, the son of a priest, leads a straightforward life until he meets the girl of his dreams. His love for her drags him into the world of crime, making him lose everyone he is close to.
- Cast: Shivarajkumar, Prema

**AYUDHA POOJAI**
Krishnasamy becomes rich by indulging in illegal activities. His wife and daughter leave him due to his work. However, after some years, he strives to change and reunite with his family.
- Cast: Arjun Sarja, Roja, Nagesh

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

## WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

**1 THE BALLET THAT INCITED A RIOT** BY ISEULT GILLESPIE

Ballet is hardly something that would trigger a riot. But at the first performance of Igor Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring, the audience was so outraged that people hurled objects at the stage, started fights and were arrested. What caused this shocking reaction? Iseult Gillespie explains the controversy.

**2 HOW DO WE SEPARATE THE SEEMINGLY INSEPARABLE?** BY IDDO MAGEN

How do we get our raw ingredients in the first place, from the chaotic tangle of materials that is nature? Iddo Magen uncovers the answer in a group of clever hacks known as separation techniques.

**3 HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU EXIST?** BY JAMES ZUCKER

How do you know you're real? Is existence all just a big dream? Has some mad scientist duped us into simply believing that we exist? James Zucker investigates these questions (and more) in this tribute to René Descartes's Meditations on First Philosophy.

**4 WHY SHOULD YOU READ SHAKESPEARE'S "THE TEMPEST"?** BY ISEULT GILLESPIE

It is no ordinary storm, but a violent and vengeful tempest, and it sets the stage for Shakespeare's most enigmatic play. Why does this play still resonate with modern readers? Iseult Gillespie investigates.

**5 HOW CAN WE BUILD SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE CITIES AFTER THE PANDEMIC** BY VISHAAN CHAKRABARTI

Architect and educator Vishaan Chakrabarti discusses a new urban agenda that provides equitable housing, health care and transportation for all – and helps build cities rooted in our desire to connect at a human level.

# NOW STREAMING

## REGIONAL

**MAYABAZAR 2016** (Kannada)
An honest cop, a conman and a hopeless romantic form an unusual team during the days of demonetisation to pull off a scam. A scam that is bigger than demonetisation, but things go haywire.
- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vasishta N. Simha, Achyuth Kumar Mayabazar 2016
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

**ANURAGA KARIKKIN VELLAM** (Malayalam)
Raghu, a police officer, lives with his wife and two children. His relationship with his unemployed son, Abhi, intensifies after a person from his past re-enters his life.
- Cast: Asif Ali, Rajisha Vijayan
- Watch on: MX Player
- Registration: Free

**ALIDU ULIDAVARU** (Kannada)
The story revolves around a popular TV host and myth-buster of superstitions, who is working on the 100th episode for his show. Caught in the business of numbers, TRPs and relationship tangles, this psychological thriller uncovers the secret that is haunting him.
- Cast: Ashu Bedra, Atul Kulkarni, Pawan Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

**SUFIYUM SUJATHAYUM** (Malayalam)
Sujata is in love with her neighbour, a Sufi priest but her father gets her married off to a well-do-to NRI, in Dubai. Ten years have passed since and she thinks that she's left that love in her past – until, one day, she gets a call. Her husband decides to bring her back to the village.
- Cast: Aditi Rao Hydari, Jayasurya
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

*All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.*

**CHEKKA CHIVANTHA VAANAM** (Tamil)
Three brothers conspire against each other in a bid to take over their father's criminal empire following his sudden death. Meanwhile, someone else tries to take advantage of the rift between them.
- Cast: Arvind Swamy, Jyotika, Vijay Sethupathi, Aditi Rao Hydari
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

**MUNDINA NILDANA** (Kannada)
Three people with different goals set out on a liberating journey to find the next stage of their lives.
- Cast: Ananya Kashyap, Radhika Narayan, Praveen Tej
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

**NEXT ENTI** (Telugu)
A young woman breaks up with her boyfriend when she learns he does not believe in true love, but her next boyfriend is not a perfect match either.
- Cast: Tamannaah, Sundeep Kishan
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

## ENGLISH/FOREIGN

**FORD VS FERRARI** (English)
American automotive designer Carroll Shelby and fearless British race car driver Ken Miles battle corporate interference, the laws of physics and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary vehicle for the Ford Motor Co. Together, they plan to compete against the race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966.
- Cast: Matt Damon, Christian Bale
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: `399 per year

**HAMILTON** (English)
The story of Alexander Hamilton – politician, statesman and Founding Father.
- Cast: Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jonathan Groff, Daveed Diggs, Phillipa Soo
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

**HANNAH** (English, series)
Hanna is an extraordinary girl who has been raised in the forest, evading the relentless pursuit of an off-the-book CIA agent. This series – part high-concept thriller, part coming-of-age drama – follows the girl on her journey as she tries to unearth the truth behind who she is. "Hanna" is based on the 2011 film of the same name that starred Oscar-nominated actress Saoirse Ronan in the title role.
- Cast: Esme Creed-Miles, Joel Kinnaman, Mireille Enos
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

**CRIP CAMP** (English, Documentary)
Crip Camp starts in 1971 at Camp Jened. A summer camp in New York, it is a "loose, free-spirited camp designed for teens with disabilities". The film focuses on campers who turned themselves into activists for the disability rights movement and fought for accessibility legislation.
- Cast: Larry Allison, Judith Heumann, James LeBrecht, Denise Sherer Jacobson, and Stephen Hofmann
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

**This World Chocolate Day, turn the cocoa-rich bar into a decadent dessert or bring in happy hours with a sweet cocktail**

# DARK AND DELICIOUS

• Express Features

Good day, bad day, breakup, cheat meal, midnight snack... We turn towards chocolate a lot. Ever the versatile ingredient, chocolate lends great company to any dish or drink. And this Tuesday just got a whole lot sweeter thanks to World Chocolate Day. City chefs help you whip up some easy-to-make chocolate desserts and cocktails, all starring ingredients that are easily available in your pantry.

## DECADENT

**Ingredients**

- Smirnoff chocolate flavour: 50 ml
- Fresh cream: 20 ml
- Chocolate and almond sauce: 15 ml
- Homemade chocolate bar: 1 piece

**Method**

- Add all the ingredients to a cocktail shaker and shake it.
- Double strain it into a martini glass with one ice ball
- Garnish with chocolate bar

*Janin Kannoth, mixologist, URU Brewpark*

## DARK CHOCOLATE GUACAMOLE WITH CINNAMON SUGAR DUSTED NACHOS

**Ingredients**

- Dark chocolate Guacamole
- Ripe avocado: 1 pc
- Organic honey: 1 tbsp
- Dark chocolate, melted: 4 tbsp
- Olive oil: 1 tsp
- Salt: a pinch
- Cinnamon Sugar Dusted Nachos
- Garnish
- Roasted pumpkin seeds: 1 tbsp

**Method:**

- Cut avocados into half. Remove seed. Scoop out avocado flesh from the peel into a mixing bowl. Discard any browned areas.
- Cut into small cubes a table spoon of avocado and keep it aside for the garnish, smear it with a little olive oil.
- Using a fork, mash the rest of avocado, add in honey, melted dark chocolate, olive oil and pinch of salt. Blend well. Your dark chocolate guacamole is ready. Now transfer the mix in the pipping bag. Keep the pipping bag in the refrigerator till the mix get stiff to pipe.
- To serve, take out the chocolate guacamole and pipe it well on the plate, arrange cinnamon sugar nachos on the side and garnish with roasted pumpkin seeds, which are called Pepitas, and cubes of avocado.

*Vikas Seth, chef and culinary director, Sanchez and Sriracha Bangalore*

## CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

**Ingredients**

- All purpose flour: 2 ¼ cups
- Baking soda: 1 tsp
- Salt: ½ tsp
- Unsalted butter at room temperature: ½ cup/ 1 stick plus 2 tbsp
- Granulated sugar: ¾ cup
- ¾ Cup Light Brown Sugar
- Eggs: 2
- Vanilla extract: ¾ tsp
- Semi sweet chocolate chips: 2 cups

**Method**

- Whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
- In a stand mixer with the paddle, cream the butter and both sugars for two minutes on medium speed. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl and continue beating until light and fluffy, 2 to 4 minutes.
- Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla.
- Reduce the mixer speed to low and add the flour mixture until fully incorporated. Do not overmix. Remove the bowl and fold the chocolate chunks.
- Portion the dough into 24 balls. Place on a baking sheet and chill for 30 minutes to 24 hours.
- When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 325 F.
- Let the cookies sit at room temperature for 10 minutes. Arrange cookies on the baking sheet. Gently flatten the dough balls.
- Bake for 10-12 minutes until lightly golden brown. Let the cookies sit on the pan for 5 minutes, then transfer them to a cooling rack to cool completely.

*Bobbie Lloyd, chief baking officer, Magnolia Bakery*

## SHAHI TUKDA WITH CHOCOLATE RABDI

**Ingredients**

- Ghee: 2 tbsp
- White bread: 3 slices
- Full fat milk: 1/2 ltr
- Milk powder: 4 tbsp
- Dark chocolate: 30 g
- Heavy cream: 30 g
- Sugar: 3 tbsp
- Almonds: 7-8
- Pistachio nuts: 7-8
- Water: 2 tbsp

**Preparation**

Cut the sides of the bread and cut it diagonally further into four equal triangles.

Microwave chocolate with cream for 30-40 seconds and mix them up into chocolate ganache.

Mix milk powder with water and keep aside

**Method**

- Heat a tawa and add ghee. Toast the bread slices on slow heat on both sides until crispy, golden brown texture is achieved. Keep aside.
- Heat a different pan, add milk and let it come to two boils. Add the milk powder slurry and keep stirring to avoid burning, also keep collecting the cream being formed and incorporate it to thicken the milk and reduce it by 50 per cent. Mix sugar. Cook for two minutes and switch off the flame.
- Remove half of the white rabdi in a bowl, mix the chocolate ganache to the remaining half. Save 1 tbsp of the ganache for garnish.
- Set the bread slices on a plate.
- Pour the white rabdi. Top it up with chocolate rabdi.
- Add a line of the chocolate ganache.
- Garnish with chopped almonds and pistachios.

*Sagar A Kataria, chef and entrepreneur*

# BIG WORRIES, SMALL JOYS AND THE ELUSIVE SILVER LIVING

OPEN SPACE
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It's rewind time in the city. Kids are being herded back indoors, housemaids are getting sacked again, and news links have returned to form the bulk of WhatsApp forwards. The hopes of normalcy ushered in by Unlock 1.0 are giving way to trepidation. Personal accounts of someone knowing someone else testing positive for Covid-19 are increasing. As the crisis seems to be closing in, panic is settling on masked faces – few people caring whether it's fair, lovely or glowing.

The 'Bengaluru model' of tackling the pandemic, with its apps and all, lies exposed as reports surface of apathetic authorities, helpless patients, abandoned dead bodies, and distressed relatives. The model in all probability had its glitches, after all. Or someone somewhere celebrated too soon. Or we became too confident, and by extension, careless. Or it's all of these.

The bureaucratic tight-lipped manner of the functioning of the government isn't helping matters either, as there are no clear official answers given for the how-why-when questions floating in everyone's mind. The way 'community transmission' has been made to seem like an inglorious phrase – one that should only be whispered, and not spoken aloud – does far from allaying public fears.

Three months after the pandemic started spreading its tentacles, people are still wary of coming out of their comfort corners. A friend has been so anxious that they have not let a single outsider enter their home since the lockdown began in March-end, trying to postpone even a plumbing necessity.

Talks of green shoots of a resurgent economy notwithstanding, look around and you will find little in terms of commercial activity that has kicked off in the last one month. IT parks appear to be empty structures from another era. Almost every place related to children's activities has fallen silent. Theatres, art galleries, stadia, restaurants and malls are all ghostly remnants of a thriving past. People, however, are craving like never before for exactly such things. And seeking small delights whenever a tiny window opens near them. Many women I know are dressing up at home just for the joy of it. Just the other day, a colleague mentioned how online sales of trinkets and small pieces of costume jewellery have apparently increased.

A few days back, a popular south Indian food chain parked its truck outside my apartment complex, with its staffers setting up temporary cooking stalls, dishing out fresh dosa, vada and manchurian, and lining the pavement with its packed assortment of sweets and savoury snacks. Soon, an ice cream van made a sudden appearance too. Since there are only a few condominiums on either side of the road, which happens to be a cul-de-sac, the place soon took the shape of a mini food street. Social distancing needs were met merrily, in order to meet the more pressing urge of taking home some hot restaurant food.

Last week, a few kids playing outdoor in the apartment premises were caught in a sudden downpour, and didn't miss the opportunity to linger around for a while, gleefully getting drenched. A debate soon ensued among elders on the group chat, about the potential harms of such rejoicing. The children were promptly made to return home. Perhaps there are as big, if not bigger, casualties of the pandemic than the economy. But then, these are the ones that cannot be measured.

Illustration
Tapas Ranjan

# Planting a change with pen and paper

• Anushree Madhavan

Even as we try to make peace with the summer of 2020, thanks to coronavirus, we are yet to erase the memories of a dry summer of 2019. While we were focusing on the problem, **Shantanu Pratap Singh** was creating a solution. In June last year, this Allahabad-based B.Tech student gave birth to The Sagez – eco-friendly seed papers.

Singh found that if 10,000 seed papers are sold and 10 per cent of them were planted, it could impact the environment greatly. A students-run brand, their idea was simple. Use the seed paper and send it back to earth by planting it.

After the initial success and feedback, Singh and his team included pens and pencils in their product list. All the merchandise is made of recycled paper. While the pens and pencils have a seed embedded at the far end, the paper is filled with seeds too and is used to make other stationery goodies.

Initially, he used seven varieties of seeds like sunflower and chilli in the paper products. But now he has limited them to basil, wildflower, marigold and mix vegetable. "The seeds to be used depends on parameters like how much pressure they can bear when they are embedded on paper, their shelf life, and how they react in contact with moisture. Based on these, I rounded in on the four variants," explains Singh, 21, the CEO and founder of the firm. The pens and pencils have over 15 seed varieties including carrot, cucumber, chilli, tomato and onion. The germination is 70-80 per cent effective, he says.

The Sagez has also collaborated with companies abroad. "For a company in Netherlands, we made seed paper ID cards. The seeds work well in all terrains and weather conditions," he shares. With their current manufacturing set-up in Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, the bootstrapped company plans to have a base in Chennai or Bengaluru once the pandemic exits. The lockdown has not been easy as their shipping has been impacted, and the team is subjected to the wrath of customers. "Shipping within India will begin soon. We have made our social media presence stronger and started taking pre-orders. We are also selling on Amazon," he says. Singh wants to promote the concept in schools, colleges and corporates. "We are motivating people through Instagram to post pictures of their plants," he says.

## CITY READ

### Hospitality chain gives food to needy

Brigade Hospitality, a hospitality chain, decided to help the needy through its clubs The Woodrose and Galaxy in Bengaluru. They produced around 500 loaves of bread every day for a period of 10 days, which was distributed to those in need. The chefs from the clubs came together along with other officials to carry out their efforts.

### City startup releases wellness report

Wakefit.co released the second edition of its annual work wellness survey. According to it, 77% of employees said their companies have allowed complete work from home till the situation normalizes, but the thought of going back to work made 79% of people apprehensive. In view of the uncertain times, 57% of respondents said their companies are communicating the status of working from home on a month-on-month basis.

### Sporty spirit

Bengaluru FC captain Sunil Chhetri took to Instagram to show off his fitnes level. The post shows Chhetri holding a plank while balancing on top of two gym balls. If you think this is easy, think again. "PS: This is a little bit tougher than it seems," wrote Chhetri.

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

Once, a sad householder went to a monk seeking solace and possibly some guidance. "There are so many issues I struggle with," the householder said. "I constantly have to fight about big issues at home. It gets really difficult. Sometimes, I feel like just leaving everything, running away and becoming a monk like you!" The monk was quite amused that someone might think that monkhood was just about running away from troubles and that they seemed to think that the monk's life was one of eternal peace. On any other day, the monk might have showed them a truth or two, but this day, there was a particular issue that this person had come up with, and the monk really wanted to address that.

The monk looked around the sparse hut to see what could be illustrative, and spying a large brass pot, motioned to the householder to bring it over. The householder happily acquiesced. Holding the brass pot, the monk said, "Imagine this is your relationship with your partner back home. Now, go look around in the compound and see if you can pick up things that are symbolic of what you are going through in your relationship, and put it in the pot." The householder went around, and picked up some stones and pebbles of different sizes and shapes, some sharp, others rounded, most were hard though a couple were balls of clay. The monk put them all in the pot and shook the pot – they jingled and jangled in a very unpleasant way -- till the householder could not take it, and said, "Stop!" The monk stopped, and it took a minute or so for it to all settle down.

They looked into the pot and, some of the pebbles and things had broken and even reduced to powder, but most were as they were. "See!," The monk said, "All that rumbling around, and very little really changed, except the pot is dented and dinged from the inside." The householder nodded.

"Now, fill it with water, and try to do the same," the monk encouraged. The pot became quite heavy, and couldn't be moved much. The stones and things had settled at the bottom as well, and didn't move much – a couple of the clay balls had softened and become a sediment.

"Do you see how a pot full of love holds the same bitterness and fights?," the monk asked, and the householder, feeling suitably chastised, left for home, but not before the monk got the mess cleaned up. The story just goes to show that very often, the loud, jarring and unpleasant fights that people in relationships experience are like so many pebbles making a racket in an empty pot. Fill that pot with love and kindness, and some of them just melt away, while others settle down -- like the differences that will exist between any of us. We can't wish disagreements away, but we could keep the pot full.

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# Akshay Kumar-starrer *Bellbottom* to go on floors in August in UK

**CE Features**

Akshay Kumar-starrer *Bellbottom* will begin shooting in August in the UK. Besides Akshay and Vaani Kapoor, actors Huma Qureshi and Lara Dutta have joined the cast. It will be the first Bollywood film to commence shooting in a foreign location post the lockdown.

*Bellbottom* is an espionage thriller set in the '80s. The film is directed by Ranjit M Tewari and co-produced by Jackky Bhagnani. The makers have laid down a thorough precautionary plan to take their artists on floors.

"We wanted *Bellbottom* to take shape the best way possible, but at the same time keeping the safety of the crew as our top priority," Jackky shared. "All our activities will be minutely monitored to make sure no one is at risk and we're following all the issued guidelines. The cast and crew are on board and offering full cooperation."

On starting the shoot for the film, Akshay said, "We are glad to be able to start shooting for Bellbottom after the long lockdown. The team has made special plans and taken precautions keeping the current situation in mind. I am looking forward to the industry to begin doing what it does best and entertain the audiences again."

*Bellbottom* is written by Aseem Arrora and Parveez Shaikh. The film is set to release on April 2, 2021.

# *Dil Bechara* trailer out: Sushant Singh Rajput smiles on in his final film

**CE Features**

The trailer for Sushant Singh Rajput's final film, *Dil Bechara*, is out. Directed by Mukesh Chhabra, the film is a remake of the 2014 Hollywood film (based on John Green's novel) *The Fault in Our Stars*. The Hindi apadation also stars newcomer Sanjana Sanghi and Saif Ali Khan.

Sushant died by suicide at his Mumbai home on July 14. He was 34. The posthumous release will premiere on Disney+ Hotstar on July 24.

The trailer follows Kizie Basu (Sanjana), a teen with cancer who meets and falls in love with Mannie (Sushant). When Kizie's health deteriorates, Mannie, who had a brush with osteosarcoma, decides to fulfill her dream of visiting Paris. We accompany the couple on an emotional journey as they smile through the odds and seek a perfect ending to their story. "We can't decide when we take birth or die," Mannie says in the trailer. "But how to live... that we can decide."

*Dil Bechara* is produced by Fox Star Studios. The music is composed by A. R. Rahman. The lyrics are by Amitabh Bhattacharya.

# SUDEV NAIR MAKES HIS KANNADA FILM DEBUT IN MG SRINIVAS'S DIRECTORIAL, *OLD MONK*

**An established actor in Malayalam and Hindi cinema, Sudev Nair will play the antagonist in the upcoming romantic drama, which also stars Aditi Prabhudeva as the female lead**

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**— MG Srinivas,** actor and director

**A Sharadhaa**

Director MG Srinivas has been selective about his star cast for his next venture, *Old Monk*. The director, who is also playing the lead in the romantic drama, has now decided to bring on board Malayalam and Hindi actor Sudev Nair. The Kerala State Award-winning actor will be foraying into Sandalwood as a villain and will be seen in a face-off against Srinivas in *Old Monk*. The actor-director, who was looking for a fresh face to play the antagonist, says Sudev Nair fit the bill the most. "We were looking for an actor who has a great physique, who could be more powerful than the hero. This romcom has a political line, for which I wanted somebody who can carry the role of an ex-politician's son who has political aspirations. I thought he suited the part. Sudev Nair also made an effort to go through the script, which was in Kannada, and he was convincing in his screen test. He is now a part of the film," says Srinivas. Sudev has been featured in *India's Most Wanted*, which starred Arjun Kapoor, and was also a part of *Gulaab Gang*. This apart, Sudev was also part of webseries -- *Not Fit for the Viral Fever* and *Dice Media*, in which he also played the lead. His other works in Malayalam include *Anarkali, Karinkunnam 6'S, Sleeplessly Yours,* and *Ezra*.

*Old Monk* will also bring back S Narayan in a pivotal role. The director-actor will be back on the silver screen after five years. Joining the team will also be Aruna Balraj. The romantic drama will have music composed by director Saurabh Vaibhav, while Bharath Parashuram will handle cinematography.

The director, who hopes to resume shooting by mid-August, says he has ample time to work on his script. "I am ready with the story, screenplay and the star cast, and now, I will have to plan how shooting can be started with various safety measures in place. In this situation, we can't shoot sequences showing crowds, and we are hoping to start with small sequences," he says.

Srinivas is also busy with writing the script for *Birbal* sequel. "My last outing, *Birbal trilogy Case No 1, Finding Vajramuni*, is now getting a good response on the OTT platform. This has prompted me to work on the sequel – *Avrn bitt Ivran bitt avryaru*," he reveals.

# Mark Wahlberg: I don't mind playing an old guy

Hollywood star Mark Wahlberg believes actors need to accept getting old and pick roles which suit their age. The actor was signed up as the lead in Uncharted a decade ago but the movie was never made. He is now set to play the father of Tom Holland, who plays main character and he says he finds it weird when older guys are paired opposite much younger women.

"There are certain people who try to hold on to youth and you have these kinds of weird movies where older guys are paired up with younger actresses, and we all know how unfair that is. I'm more driven now than ever before and I'm also more comfortable in my own skin," said Wahlberg in an interview to a magazine.

Sony Pictures' Uncharted is based on the PlayStation video game series that follows the adventures of treasure hunter Nathan Drake, to be portrayed by Holland. Wahlberg will play Nathan's father Victor Sullivan.

The film, to be directed by Ruben Fleischer, is set to release next year.

— PTI

# Orlando Bloom-starrer *Retaliation* likely to be released in India

**CE Features**

Orlando Bloom's upcoming film, Retaliation that has a massive Indian connect is all set to release in the US on July 24.

Starring Bloom as Malky, Retaliation is a gritty revenge drama, which features him as a demolition worker.

The film directed by the acclaimed Shammasian brothers has been produced by noted Indian producer Sheetal Talwar's Vistaar Film Fund along with Tea-Shop & Film Company and also marks the collaboration of Zee Studios International as co-producer.

Speaking about the film's release in the US, Talwar says, "Retaliation is a very special journey for us. The film is so relevant today and Orlando has done a fantastic job as expected from an actor of his caliber."

Talking about the release in India, Talwar adds. "

# Kabir Khan, Imtiaz Ali, Rima Das and Onir team up for a film for Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

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The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) announced today that four Indian filmmakers will work with selected Victorian filmmaking teams to mentor and shoot short films on the themes of race, disability, sexuality and gender. The shorts will be compiled into one film titled My Melbourne which will premiere at IFFM 2021 before travelling on the international film circuit. The four filmmakers are Kabir Khan, Rima Das, Onir and Imtiaz Ali.

IFFM Festival Director Mitu Bhowmick Lange said, "This exciting initiative gives Victorian screen practitioners a once in a lifetime opportunity to work with some of the world's best filmmakers and also develop relationships with them. I am delighted and thrilled that IFFM has secured four of India's most diverse voices of independent cinema for these workshops and the creation of four short films on the core values of IFFM – diversity and inclusivity."

Each of the four selected teams will be assigned a budget to create an original script, striving for 'creativity, originality and pure storytelling'. Onir will workshop and develop the selected stories and oversee production with the teams via zoom. Once travel restrictions are lifted, the four filmmakers will travel to Melbourne to shoot the films.

Kabir Khan shared, "Celebration of our diversity is a dialogue that should be fostered in current times. In the post-pandemic world, being one with each other in a community should be the single most important takeaway. The virus has shown us the futility of everything else. I am excited at the opportunity presented by IFFM and looking forward to the experience."

Rima Das said, "It's an honour to receive this invitation. It's essential for filmmakers to examine the world around them from the prism of its socio-political context. The short film will allow us to bring in authentic lived-in stories that often get lost in popular culture."

Imtiaz Ali added, "The last few months have been full of life lessons for all of us. Viewing stories of identity in the context of the diverse society that we are all a part of is quintessential for us to chart our path ahead. I am looking forward to meeting a new set of people and understanding their life stories for the screen."

# Legendary Italian composer Ennio Morricone passes away at 91

**CE Features**

Legendary music composer Ennio Morricone passed away in Rome. It is reported that the 91-year-old Italian composer died following complications from a fall last week.

Known for his long-term collaboration with iconic filmmaker Sergio Leone, Morricone, who received a honorary Oscar in 2007, won his first Academy Award for Quentin Tarantino's *The Hateful Eight* (2015) after multiple nominations over five decades. Some of the Leone-Morricone collaborations include *The Good, the bad, and the Ugly, A Fistful of Dollars* and *Once Upon a Time in the West*.

Morricone's work in the Spaghetti Westerns helped the composer make an indelible mark in the history of Hollywood. Apart from his collaborations with Leone, Morricone was known for his work in films like *Cinema Paradiso, Days of Heaven, Malena, Bugsy, The Untouchables, Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!, Exorcist 2, In the Line of Fire* and *Bulworth*.

A Grammy award winner, Morricone was known as "The Master" and was born on November 10, 1928. He began writing music from the age of six.